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By N. C. Paige—Star Salesman After 3 Months' Experience

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Those are figures I was only dreaming about a few months ago. Then they seemed as far out of reach as the moon! But today they are chalked up in black and white on my sales record, and what is more important, in my bank book! And yet, to be frank, only a small part of the credit is due me. I just figured out a few things about this business of making big money and applied them religiously. Anybody with average ability can do exactly the same—if they keep their eyes open!

That's the biggest thing of all—keeping your mind and your eyes open! I know it sounds like a very simple thing, but you would be surprised how many men just hammer along in the same old rut, wishing and striving for better things that are right under their noses all the time if they would only see them! The only reason some men are richer than others is that they have been able to see and recognize opportunity when it stared them in the face!

Where the Big Money Is

Take my own case for example. Before I "came to," I tried nine different ways of earning money. They all sounded good, solid, substantial and difficult. The harder they looked, the bigger I thought the possibilities must be. None of my propositions panned out and I hardly made enough to keep going. Then I discovered KRISS-KROSS. The day I read about this amazing shaving device in Liberty Magazine was certainly a red letter day for me! Here's what I saw:

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That opened my eyes, all right. I saw my chance and grabbed it! The KRISS-KROSS people gave me exclusive territory, a wonderful lot of sales helps and a big, illustrated salesmanship course book that contained selling secrets worth \$100

cold cash to me! My first week I made \$180. The next 3 days I made \$104. Just think of it! It didn't seem to take any effort. I didn't have to "sell" at all. Every man was just naturally interested the minute he laid eyes on the stropper. Lots of them had read about it in the big magazines and were waiting for a chance to see it. The orders rolled in like water over a waterfall! It was real success at last!

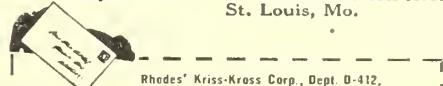
Up the Ladder Fast!

Right now, I figure my yearly earnings with KRISS-KROSS will be somewhere between \$7,500 and \$10,000! and it all comes from getting started with the right kind of a proposition. I'm not a bit smarter or different than I was when I was trying to sell suits, brushes, and ordinary kinds of things. My only "smartness" was in choosing an article that is so astonishing that *it sells itself!*

Mr. Paige's experience is typical of that of hundreds of KRISS-KROSS representatives. Practically every man who takes up this astonishing proposition in full time or as a side-line writes us that he is making money faster and easier than he ever dreamed possible. Right now, more KRISS-KROSS representatives and agents are wanted—to earn \$30 a day and up. The same opportunity that started Mr. Paige on the road to \$7,500 a year is open to you. Find out about it today! Clip the coupon and mail it at once! You'll never regret it. Paige didn't! So act at once!

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THE STARS IN THE FLAG

NEW HAMPSHIRE: One of the original thirteen colonies. As early as 1603 the coast had been explored by Martin Pring, but not until 1622 did John Mason and Sir Ferdinando Gorges receive the first grant to govern the region. The colonists, mainly dissatisfied settlers from Massachusetts, began scattered settlements in 1623. From 1641 until 1677, Massachusetts had jurisdiction over the territory, but an English court declared this an usurpation and on September 18, 1679, New Hampshire became a royal province. It was the first colony in 1776 to frame a constitution. Population, 1790, 141,885; 1926 (U. S. est.), 453,608. Percentage of urban population (communities of 2,500 and over), 1900, 55.0; 1910, 59.2; 1920, 63.1. Area, 9,341 sq. miles. Density of population (1925 est.), 48.2 per sq. mile. Rank among States, 41st in



population, 43d in area, 20th in density. Capital (1920 U. S.), Concord, 22,167. Three largest cities (1926 est.), Manchester, 84,000; Nashua, 28,379, and Concord. Estimated wealth (1923 U. S. Census), \$1,347,135,000. Principal sources of wealth (U. S. 1923): Cotton goods output, \$66,166,016; boots and shoes, \$55,063,364; paper and wood pulp, \$35,442,700. The 1920 value of all crops produced on 20,523 farms totaled \$23,500,000. New Hampshire had 19,391 men in the service during the World War. It is one of the three States that have no mottoes, the others being Indiana and Texas. John Mason of the Plymouth Council, the patentee, named the colony in 1629 after the county of Hampshire in England. Nickname: Granite State.

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THE MESSAGE CENTER



THE Company Clerk had some pleasant words a few months ago for "As They Passed Through the Port," by Major General David C. Shanks, U.S.A., retired, one time commander at Hoboken in a day when that never idle shipping community at the mouth of the Hudson was at the least idle period in its history. Legionnaire Shanks's book was, modestly, not a summary of what he did, but a compilation of what he heard. In selecting the stories which he put into his book General Shanks used excellent judgment, which is something that cannot be said for every story absorber.

GENERAL Shanks wants more stories. *The World's Work* is arranging to publish an article by him to be called "The Best Stories of the War." The General wants to supplement the stories he already has, and asks readers of the Monthly to send him "any humorous incidents or pungently appealing stories which you may remember and which had their setting in camp, in rest house, in hospital, on the piers or aboard transport. Many such stories must still linger within the memories of my comrades. I shall be grateful to all who respond to my request, and would like to give credit by name to all who will permit it." General Shanks should be addressed at the Wyoming Apartments, Washington, D.C.

THE Monthly is glad to devote space to the message which is being broadcast by the American Society for the Control of Cancer. That message should be a thing of particular concern to the men and women of The American Legion. Most cases of cancer occur in those who are thirty-five years of age or older, which figure includes a thwacking majority of the Legion's membership. That is one of the eight reasons "Why We Should Know About Cancer" which the Society is making public far and wide. Here are the other seven (every reader of this page is familiar with them, which is one good reason for asking him to devote a few seconds to becoming familiar with them again): Because every year in the United States more than 100,000 people die of this disease; because at the present rate one out of every seven women and one out of every ten men reaching the age of forty dies of cancer; because cancer starts as a hard, painless lump, and the absence of pain is misleading—since one naturally considers that anything that does not hurt is not dangerous (of course every painless lump is not necessarily cancer); because the microscope, under

which the suspected tissue's true character is revealed, is the only certain means of determining and recognizing cancer; because early recognition and early removal offer the best means of cure; because periodic physical examination of the body by the physician is just as important as regular care of the teeth by the dentist or regular service to the motor car by the mechanic; because cancer is a disease which develops in middle life, often disabling a man at the time when he has completed his preliminary training, has the greatest earning capacity, is of the greatest value to his employer, and has the greatest responsibilities.

THIS is a sort of Old Home Week number of the Monthly. Five of the contributors are familiar names to readers of this magazine—may we even venture the hope that they are household words? They are Karl W. Detzer, Marquis James, Alexander Gardiner, Stetson Clark, and Samuel Scoville, Jr.

AN INTERESTING letter inspired by Robert W. Chambers's article, "Think Ahead," in the February Monthly reaches us from S. R. Brown, Past Commander of Percy A. Stevens Post, who is with the Shevlin-Hixon Company, lumber manufacturers, Bend, Oregon. He writes: "A lot of people in this country are using wood substitutes, thinking that they are performing a patriotic duty in conserving the forests. Actually they are damaging one of our greatest industries. Most of the pine being cut in this Western country is on an exchange basis with the Forest Service, the land, after the mature trees are cut, being exchanged with the Forest Service for stumpage on government lands, and due allowance being made for immature trees left standing. Mr. Chambers does not even mention the real problem of the timber owners. Taxation. How can a timber owner hold the timber when the State, county and other taxing agencies are piling his investment higher every year? Not to mention the compounding of his original investment. So far as I know, there is nothing made of wood for which a substitute has not been offered not made of wood. The manufacturers of wood substitutes have been spending millions of dollars advertising their products, until the people of the United States are becoming convinced that the forests are about gone. True enough, if our forests were all gone, we would manage to stagger along without them, so far as the consumptive utilization of their products is concerned, al-

though wood is better in practically all cases where a substitute is offered. It is possibly true that in some sections forests are needed to protect the watersheds, but that is not true in this section, for the higher portions of our mountains, where practically all of the water is stored, grow only non-commercial species of woods. The timber will never be removed, for the trees do not reach a size that can be used, nor is the wood useful. As far as the Mississippi floods are concerned, one of the earliest explorers experienced a flood, which, from his account, was almost of the stage of the recent catastrophe. The timber operator and the lumberman are doing the best they can to conserve the timber supply, but at the present rate of declining use, there will never be a necessity for their so doing. Mr. E. L. Carpenter, the head of our company, at a conference of timber owners as reported in the January issue of *The Nation's Business*, stated that forty-five years ago he was advised not to enter the lumber business in Minnesota, as the timber was about gone. He is still manufacturing lumber, however, as is also his son, and he expects that his grandsons as well will engage in the lumber business. In this State more than half of the members of the Legion are directly or indirectly dependent on timber and its products."

THE May Monthly will include, among other features, the second in the series of representative American short stories selected and supplied with critical introductions by John Erskine. The May story will be Edgar Allan Poe's "The Murders in the Rue Morgue," the ancestor of all detective stories. Poe lived and died a little too soon to be eligible to The American Legion, but he did serve in the United States Army, using the name of Edgar A. Perry. Major General George S. Gibbs (who, like Poe, initiated his army career as a private, but went further—Poe, as we recall it, got to be a sergeant major, which is almost as formidable as being a major general) will describe the land battle for Manila which followed Dewey's destruction of the Spanish fleet thirty years ago this spring. And speaking of privates who have riz up, let us not forget the high-ranking judge in The American Legion Monthly—Houghton Mifflin Company Prize War Novel Contest—Major General James G. Harbord.

The Editor

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George M. Cohan,

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George M. Cohan

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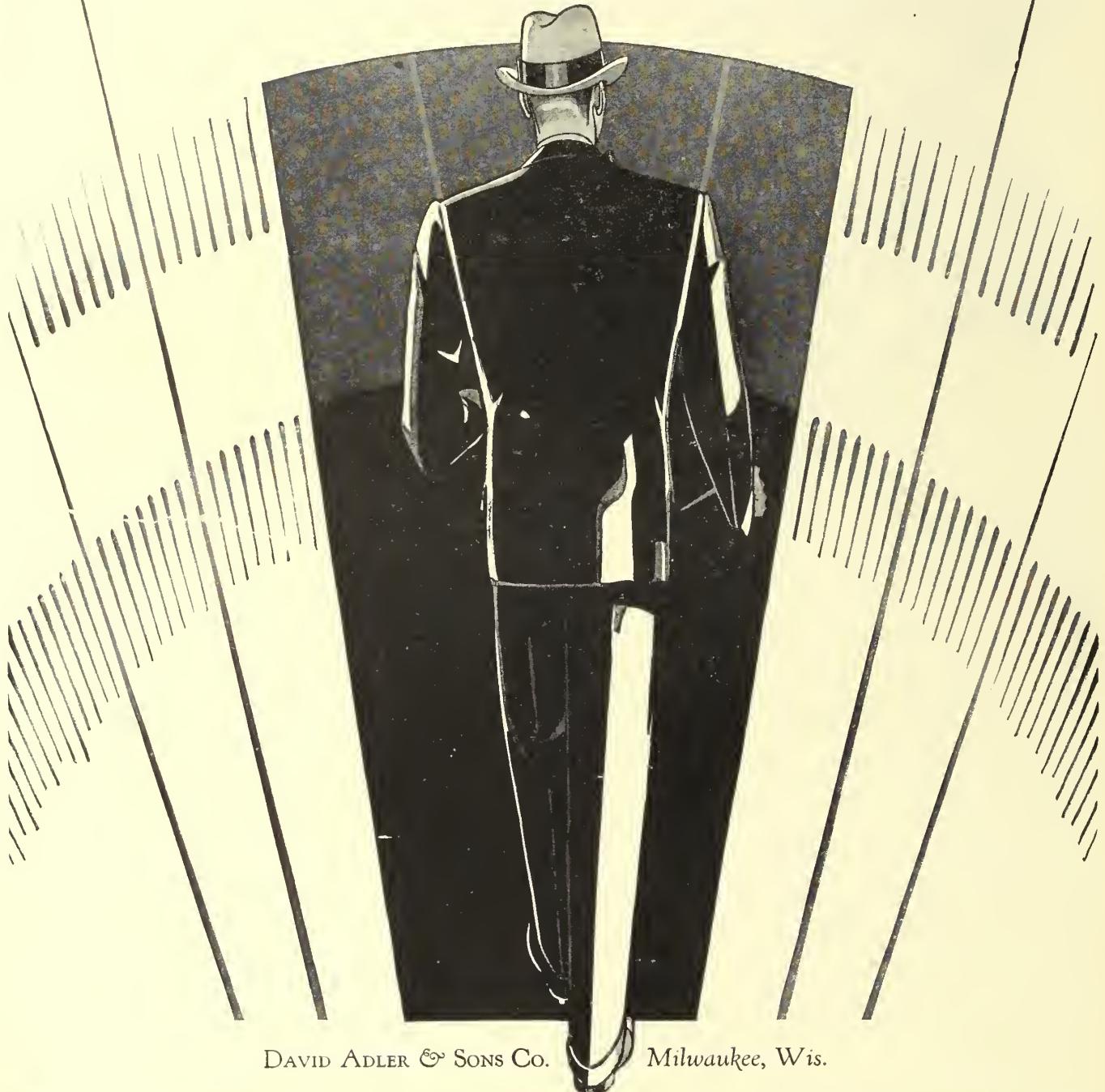


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"Get out, Captain!" he screamed. "Out! Go see what your damn, worthless guard's doing now!"

PRIVATE JOHN SMITH

CAPTAIN ARTHUR DAKIN, commanding officer of Company E, groped past the screened, sightless windows of the wireless house, and mounting a steep iron ladder, climbed to the flat roof above it. North winds, crying woefully across the unlighted ship, whanged the taut aerials over his head, and pummeled his cheek with wet, cold knuckles.

It was fifteen minutes past ten o'clock on the night of April 18th, 1918. Fog and low clouds, swollen with rain, shut out all light from the sky. Beyond the troop ship *Maltic*, where it zigzagged eastward like a great black log upon the tumbling water, the Atlantic spread invisible except for a ghostly suggestion of iridescence in the wake.

"Halt!" said a weak voice.

Captain Dakin, waiting at the top of the ladder, perceived a

By Karl W. Detzer
Illustrations by V.E. Pyles

blur of heavier shadow stumbling toward him.

"Who's there?" the voice continued. Winds shook the question.

"Officer of the day," Captain Dakin sang out. The black shadow had ceased to move. "Well, what d'you say next?" demanded the captain.

"I don't know, sir."

Dakin advanced three paces. From his slender six feet of height he looked down inquiringly on the soldier before him. He could not make out the face, only a short, rather shapeless black shadow with the outline of a service rifle wavering at an angle in front of it.

"Don't know what to do next?" the officer demanded. Wind clubbed his face, and he pulled the collar of his raincoat higher about his ears. "Know your general orders?"

"No, sir."



"Get to hell off'n here," Private Jones yelled

"Oh, Lord!" Dakin stood thoughtfully a moment, his feet braced against the stubborn plunging of the ship. "How long you been in the army?"

"Five weeks, sir."

"Oh, Lord!" again. "Ever done guard before?"

"No, sir."

"Your corporal ever try to teach you guard manual?"

"Yes, sir. Seems like I can't learn it."

"Five weeks," said Captain Dakin, more to himself than to the sentry, "and they expect us to win the war." There was silence again, except for the voice of the outraged Atlantic. The sentry shifted his feet. "Know your special orders?" the captain asked. "No, sir. Only as nobody's goin' to go monkeying around here while I'm in charge. But I'd like relief."

"Relief?"

"Yes, sir. To go downstairs to bed. I'm sick, sir."

"So's everybody aboard. Got to take your turn, soldier. If you don't know your orders, you don't. But you've got the general idea. Keep a sharp eye. Important post, here on Marconi deck. Stick it out. I'll see you when you come down."

The blurred shadow before him did not move. Dakin stared at it, wondering queerly what the fellow's face was like. The voice disconcerted him. There was something about it that reminded him of high timber and unpeopled hills.

"What's your name, soldier?"

"Jimmy Hires, sir."

"Private James Hires, you mean. How old are you?"

"Twenty-five," said the shadow. Then it added: "Today's my birthday."

Captain Dakin laughed, but without mirth.

"Stick it out," he repeated. "Everybody's sick. But the joke's on both of us. I'm twenty-five, too. Today."

He descended the ladder rapidly, traversed the deserted boat-deck, dropped nimbly through to the promenade, that likewise was deserted, and at length opened a door which gave upon a black interior. Black as the night outside, but warm. With an odor of tobacco, of men and tobacco. He closed the door carefully behind him and groped forward until his hand discovered a heavy curtain. This he lifted, and with the same precise care dropped it into place behind him. A man stood stiffly against the wall, an enlisted man, with rifle and sidearms. The captain nodded to him.

"Any trouble, McGuire?" he asked.

"No, sir. Except some of the officers don't pull the first curtain tight before they open the second."

"You know your orders. Don't let them bluff you. Watch for cigarettes when they go out. No lights on deck, submarine reported ahead. And Sergeant, who's Private Hires?"

"One of the new drafts, sir. He's kind of slow like. Can't help it, I guess. Assigned us at Hoboken. Didn't have a full uniform when he come aboard. Got his outfit after we was two days out."

"Oh, Lord!" Captain Dakin repeated. "Sergeant, do you know what's the greatest joke in the world? Well, I'll tell you.



The house mice and rust-red pine voles scattered and fled before the tiny blind beastling, although the least of them was twice its size

its smooth surface, the other set of curved claws met in his round body and only that grim mark and a spot of blood on the snow remained to tell the story of his passing.

Down through the snow to the sphagnum moss beneath flashed the velvet-gray body of the shrew. Convinced that there was no safety for him at the surface, overshadowed by those silent, fatal wings, and driven by an insatiate hunger, the fierce beastling went on with his hunting underground. Beside the snow tunnel he came upon a round hole which led beneath the gray-green sphagnum moss. Down this shaft he plunged and found himself in a long tunnel far underground. Through the zigzag windings of this run-way the tiny masked beast dashed at the full speed with which all his short life is lived, his long muzzle thrust up and out in front of his compact little body and taking the place of eyes and ears. Once he stopped and dug out a fat grub from among some grass-roots and again he pounced upon and devoured a winter-bound cricket.

Suddenly as he hurried on, his hunger but whetted by those two savory morsels, his nose warned him of the approach of one of the underground people in whose domain he was poaching. The newcomer was of a dull blackish slate-color with a swollen tail, broad, spadelike fore-feet and an eyeless, pointed head ending in a muzzle from which radiated a fringe of some twenty-two short fleshy tentacles, the hall-mark of the star-nosed mole.

Ten times the size and weight of the little trespasser before him, the shrew would have been far safer even out on the haunted snow than trapped in the tunnel of the monster who was rushing toward him.

There was neither time nor space for the little sorex to turn in the narrow runway, but it did not matter, for when his tiny body was fashioned fear had been left out of it and he had no thought of retreating. Squeaking with rage the mole rushed at his enemy through the darkness like a runaway steam-shovel, the earth flying from either side of his enormous flat fore-paws as he came. Without waiting for his onslaught the shrew flashed toward him

other's lead until he was so close that his pointed nose nearly touched the end of the vole's short tail. Then, just as the shrew's crooked jaws opened ready to close with a death-grip upon the clumsy body lurching just in front, a dark shadow overhead seemed to blot out the stars above the two. From the blackness showed the gleam of terrible eyes as that death-in-the-dark, a great horned owl, swooped down upon the pair with a swiftness which few of the

wild-folk can evade. The masked shrew is one of those few. Warned of the grim bird's presence by some change in the air currents above him or by some tiny flutter of the owl's muffled wings, that one dived down a little tunnel in the snow just as the talons of one outstretched foot were closing upon him. The vole was not so fortunate. As the empty talons striking the snow stamped a great X on

and in a second had clamped his long jaws shut on the mole's fringed nose. Squealing with pain the star-nose tried again and again to seize the little animal in his jaws filled with needle-pointed teeth. Each time, however, the shrew swung across the other's back and sank his teeth deeper into the mole's ornamented and sensitive muzzle, holding on the while like a tiny bulldog. Frantically the star-nose hurled the sorex back and forth and the latter only escaped the grip of the snapping jaws several times by a hair's breadth. Then the mole tried to pin the shrew against the sloping sides of the tunnel, but the soft moss and wet earth yielded enough each time to allow the sorex to escape, although by a tiny margin. Sooner or later the beastling's strength would flag or he would be caught against some harder part of the tunnel and the mole, intelligent as he was fierce, continued his rushing tactics.

Suddenly the sorex released his grip and his little body disappeared entirely from sight down a concealed shaft into which the mole had inadvertently thrust him. With the weight attached to his muzzle so suddenly removed, the larger animal lurched forward several inches past the opening and then finding no trace of the shrew hurried on through the hunting-tunnel and soon forgot all about the little trespasser and his bitten nose in the excitement of finding a layer of earthworms just beneath the moss.

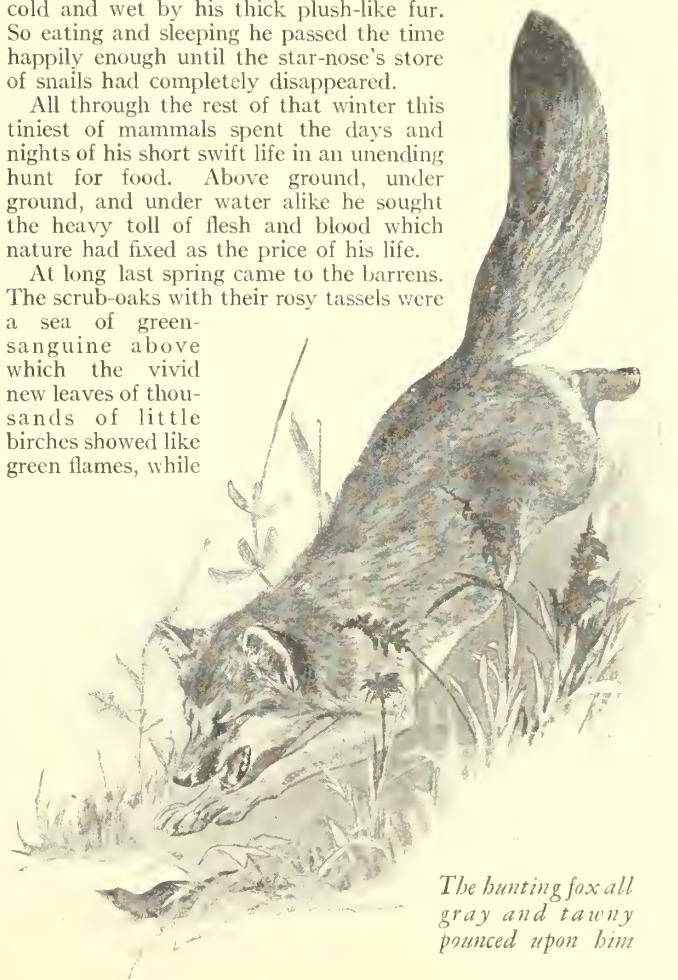
As for the shrew, he sped down the sloping shaft until he suddenly plunged into the icy waters of a little stream along whose banks the mole had driven his hunting tunnels. Not in the least disconcerted by the sudden change of element he swam along the bank until his long nose brought him to a halt in front of another hole, which he immediately entered to find himself in one of the mole's store-houses.

Burrowing deep in the wet moss with which the chamber was floored he uncovered one of those caches of snails which the star-nose is accustomed to make in the antiseptic sphagnum moss. To the shrew the store was a treasure-trove and each fat snail sealed up in its curled and crumpled brown shell was to him what a roast of beef would be to a human.

Maddened by his ever-present hunger he fell upon the pile of food which lay before him. Crunching through one shell after another he ate and ate until he could hold no more and then curled himself up in the soft dripping moss and fell asleep with his keen nose on guard, protected from the cold and wet by his thick plush-like fur. So eating and sleeping he passed the time happily enough until the star-nose's store of snails had completely disappeared.

All through the rest of that winter this tiniest of mammals spent the days and nights of his short swift life in an unending hunt for food. Above ground, under ground, and under water alike he sought the heavy toll of flesh and blood which nature had fixed as the price of his life.

At long last spring came to the barrens. The scrub-oaks with their rosy tassels were a sea of green-sanguine above which the vivid new leaves of thousands of little birches showed like green flames, while



The hunting fox all gray and tawny pounced upon him

the ground was carpeted with clouds of the fluffy white blossoms of the sand myrtle with its dark-green, boxlike leaves.

Along the amber-brown stream grew clumps of goats-rue with rose-red and pale gold butterfly blossoms like stained silk and ivory, and the air was sweet with the scent of white azalea, while overhead the wind sighed and sang all day among the pitch pines.

Beneath the earth the little shrew felt the thrill and came up to hunt across the barrens in broad daylight. It took a quick eye indeed to watch his hunting. Here and there a dry leaf would rustle, another would move and perhaps a third be overturned yet no sign of life appear. At last a careful observer could have seen a tiny shadow flit across an open space and disappear. In spite, however, of his speed nothing escaped the little hunter's notice.

Suddenly his microphonic ears caught the faintest of sounds from underground and he swerved into a round hole that showed in the hard sand beside him. Ahead of him fled a young meadow-mouse on his way to join other members of the family who were having a light lunch in their storehouse on what was left of the winter's supplies. Hearing the beat of pattering feet behind him, the mouse made the fatal mistake of keeping on to the round room where the others were feasting, relying upon their number to save him from his deadly little pursuer. He had yet to learn that odds mean nothing to a shrew and that a room with only one door is his favorite battle-ground.

Followed a fight to the death. The mice were on their own ground, four against one and that one a tiny, blind beastling less than half the size and weight of the smallest of them. Yet the issue was never in doubt. It was the shrew who attacked with incredible swiftness. None of his four foes could make a motion that he did not instantly detect with his quick ear and uncanny sense of touch. Moreover, throughout the whole fight, he never once left the exit tunnel unguarded. Again and again from out of the whirling mass of entangled bodies a meadow mouse would spring to the door to escape. Always it found the fell jaws and steel-like body of the tiny masked death on guard. Cornered and trapped in the round room the four fought desperately, springing here and there, thrusting with their fore-paws like boxers and snapping and slashing continually with their double pairs of curved sharp teeth. The shrew's snout, however, was of tough, leathery cartilage. His hidden, unseeing eyes needed no protection, and he saved his tough skin from being pierced by his tactics. Standing with feet outspread and head up he constantly darted his muzzle forward bringing into play with each slash no less than six pointed fighting teeth in either jaw. Driven by the great muscles of his neck and cheeks, these ripped clear through the thin skins of his opponents, who kept up a continual squeaking as they fought, in startling contrast to the silence of the little killer. Perfectly balanced on all four feet, the shrew's small body seemed to have an inexhaustible store of fierce strength and endurance as the battle surged around and around the storehouse.

It was the young mouse who was the first to go. In the very middle of a leap he staggered and fell at the feet of his enemy and the long curved teeth of the shrew pierced his brain.

It was the beginning of the end. One by one they went down before the automatic rushes and slashes of the little fighting-machine, until only one was left, a scarred, skilled veteran, who had won out in many a fight with his own kind. As he felt his strength ebbing, with a last desperate effort he dodged one of the shrew's rushes and managed to sink his two pairs of teeth into the tough muscles of the other's neck. Then a horrifying thing happened. Without even trying to break the mouse's grip, the shrew bent nearly double, and buried his pointed muzzle deep into the other's flesh just back of the fore-leg and began to eat

like fire through skin and flesh and bone. The mouse fought, the shrew ate, and the outcome was certain, as it must be when a fighter who depends upon four teeth dares to clinch with one who uses twelve. Even as the mouse unlocked his jaws for a better hold he tottered and fell under the feet of his tiny blind opponent.

For two days and nights the shrew stayed in the storeroom until all that remained of the meadow-mice were four pelts neatly folded and four skeletons picked bare of even a shred of flesh. Moreover, what was left of the mice's store of seeds was gone too.

At last, gorged to a repletion which seldom ever comes to one of his folk, the shrew fell asleep in that dining-hall where, like Ulysses of old, he had battled his way to victory against overwhelming odds.

The dark hours passed, dawn came and the long level rays of the sun shot across the barrens like arrows of gold and sent little puffs of moist fragrant warmth down among the grass roots. Still the shrew slept, his tiny velvety gray body for once motionless, nor did he wake when a dry rustling noise sounded in the long winding tunnel which led to where he lay, although to all of the underground people that sound is the very whisper of death itself. At times it ceased, then it began again, each time nearer to the tiny sleeper whose hidden blind eyes saw nothing, whose ears swathed in sleep heard nothing. One sentry alone of his senses still stood on guard. Ahead of the whisper there stole down the long tunnel and into the rounded chamber a musky scent so faint that few human nostrils would have caught it. Yet as the first whiff of that evanescent odor reached the shrew's long pink muzzle it was as if an alarm bell had clangled against his brain.

In the fraction of a second he was on his feet, head up and teeth bared ready to fight for his life. Swiftly as he had moved he was none too quick. Even as he swung toward the point whence his nose told him the attack would come, a flat head with lidless eyes, which gleamed like black fire, showed at the entrance and the long sinuous body of a blacksnake covered with smooth dark scales slipped into the round room. Then began a blind smother of a fight in the dark. Against the fierce swift flame of life that burned in the shrew's tiny body was pitted the cold ferocity and sinuous strength of a monster half a hundred times the bulk of the little mammal. It was as if a human should contend with one of those vast dragons of the reptile age. Yet the tiny blind beast showed no sign of fear but approached the monster with the quick pattering run of his kind.

Down there underground, just as the shrew depended upon his long sniffing snout to take the place of sight and hearing, so the serpent orientated himself by the nerve filaments in his black forked tongue which wavered back and forth like a flame.

It was the blacksnake who made the first move. Sensing with his flickering tongue the approach of the shrew, he lunged forward, his grim jaws wide open. There are few things in nature swifter than the stroke of a snake, yet no human eye can follow the movements of a masked shrew when its life is at stake. Even as the flat head shot out, warned by some subtle sixth sense, the gray beastling swerved and sprang, avoiding by the width of a hair the snake's lunge, and drove his fierce edged teeth deep into the muscle at the angle of the serpent's jaw.

Hissing ferociously the blacksnake hurled its body here and there in a mass of changing coils, dashing the shrew against the earthen sides of the round

room in a desperate effort to break his grip. Only death itself would have unlocked those crooked crocodile jaws whose teeth cut through scales and skin and the tough fibres beneath until they severed the muscle which controlled the snake's lower jaw and it dangled limp and useless.

A blacksnake is not a constrictor nor has it any fangs and with its jaws disabled the shrew had nothing to fear from that one. Even as it turned to escape he sank his





CHARLES LIVINGSTON BULL.

The little shrew dived down a tunnel in the snow as the horned owl's curved claws met in the round body of the pine vole

curved teeth deep into the serpent's brain, and a few moments later was feeding unconcernedly on its firm, white flesh.

His appetite once satisfied the gray beastling started for the surface of the ground in search of the adventures which are crowded into every minute of the few days which go to make up the life of that smallest of mammals.

He did not have to wait long. Even as he came above ground a hunting fox all gray and tawny, who wore a white bib and a black tip to his bushy tail, pounced upon him and thrust his head down to swallow the atom of life pinned fast beneath his paw. At that moment all of the shrew's swiftness and courage availed him nothing, held helpless in the clutch of this gray killer. The beastling, however, had still one last defense. As the fox's long muzzle approached him, from the scent glands concealed in his

sides beneath the nap of his velvet fur came a gas attack which made the fox give up all thoughts of devouring the little mammal. With a flip of his paw he tossed the shrew a couple of yards through the air and turned away in disgust for better hunting.

Such an escape would have sent most animals into retreat but had no effect whatever upon the seasoned nerves of the little adventurer. Righting himself in the air he landed on his feet and scurried away through grassy tangles and labyrinths of twisted roots, snapping up grubs and insects here and there as he ran.

Finally he flashed out upon an open stretch of the white sand with which the barrens are floored, the bed of some sea lost to earth a million years ago. Around him grew gray-green clumps of hudsonia, starred thick with myriads of little golden flowers, wine-red blossoms of the wild ipecac and (Continued on page 46)



Alice Duer Miller, novelist,
member of the Council of the
Authors' League of America

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WITH the tenth anniversary of the termination of the World War, the editors of The American Legion Monthly and of Houghton Mifflin Company believe that the time has come for the appearance of the big novel of the war. In the decade that has passed since

Armistice Day, the tragedies and the comedies of the war—its meaning in the lives of those who fought in it, and in the history of the world—can at last be seen in true perspective and proportion. Hitherto many authors and publishers have been doubtful of war fiction as a publishing venture, yet public interest in the war as a theme for fiction has been steadily increasing. The time is ripe for a novel or group of novels that will endure as the best record of the great years between 1914 and 1918. To stimulate their production, The American Legion Monthly and Houghton Mifflin Company join in offering a cash prize of \$25,000 for the best novel dealing with the period of the World War, and with the war as its background.

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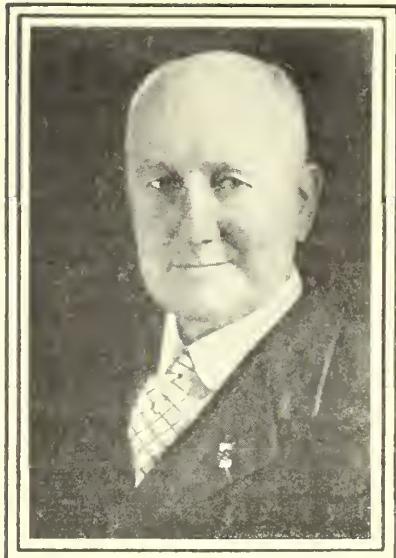


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Three To be considered by the judges of the contest, manuscripts must be not less than seventy thousand words in length.

Four Address all manuscripts to the War Novel Competition, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2 Park Street, Boston, Massachusetts. Authors are advised to retain carbon copies.

Five Manuscripts will be acknowledged and read as promptly as possible by the reading staffs of Houghton Mifflin Company and *The American Legion Monthly*, and all possible care taken to protect them against loss or damage.

All manuscripts which are considered not suitable to be submitted to the board of judges will be promptly returned.

Six The competition will close at 5 p.m., May 1, 1929. Manuscripts may be submitted at any time prior to that date. Early submission is encouraged.

Seven The judges of the competition will be: ALICE DUER MILLER, novelist, member of the Council of the Authors' League of America; Major General JAMES G. HARBORD, President of the Radio Corporation of America, author of "Leaves from a War Diary," former Commanding General, S.O.S., A.E.F.; RICHARD HENRY LITTLE, R.H.L. of *The Chicago Tribune*; JOHN T. WINTERICH, Editor of *The American Legion Monthly*, and FERRIS GREENSLET, Literary Director of Houghton Mifflin Company. Their decisions on questions of eligibility and interpretations of the rules and their award shall be final.

Eight The decision will be reached by the board of judges as soon as possible after May 1, 1929, and public announcement made. The sum of \$25,000 will then be paid outright upon the signing of the contracts, as outlined in Rule One above.

Nine All manuscripts offered in the competition other than that winning the prize are to be considered as submitted to *The American Legion Monthly* for first serial publication, and to Houghton Mifflin Company for publication in book form on the author's customary terms or on terms to be arranged.

Ten Every contestant must fill out and attach to his complete manuscript at the time it is submitted a special blank form giving the name of the manuscript and the name and address of the author. This form can be obtained by addressing War Novel Competition, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2 Park Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

EDITORIAL

For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.—Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion.

Enter the Air Age

AN UNFORESEEN and unforeseeable result of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's flight from New York to Paris last May has been the remarkable advance toward fulfillment of The American Legion's aeronautic programme.

The airplane was demobilized in 1919 to find itself regarded chiefly as a new weapon of destruction. It was classified in the public mind with tanks and submarines. Nor was the cause of aviation helped by the grave profiteering scandals which centered about America's wartime aeronautic efforts. The frequent bickerings, fully reflected in the press, between aviation enthusiasts and the conservative elements in Army and Navy, serving to emphasize the military function of the airplane and ignoring its adaptation to the works of peace, were a further handicap.

In the face of such unpropitious developments The American Legion as a whole, and certain groups and individuals in the organization in particular, strove to correct the resulting distortion by stressing the potentialities of civil aviation.

But America declined to become air-minded—until the successful trans-Atlantic and America-Hawaii flights of 1927 miraculously accomplished the impossible.

Evidences abound that the air age has definitely arrived. On the West Coast the Guggenheim Foundation is helping to finance a model passenger airline to reduce the twelve-hour-by-train, five hundred-mile journey between Los Angeles and San Francisco to three and a half hours by air. A fleet of commodious twelve-passenger planes, multi-motored, are ready to be placed in commission. The hazards of frequent fogs over the route will be eliminated by radio-direction appliances. Indeed, radio-direction, it its present development, may be said to have defeated that worst enemy of the air pilot, blinding fog. Another airline, which has operated successfully between Los Angeles and San Diego, is being extended to El Paso. The Western Air Express, carrying passengers as well as mail between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, must turn away would-be air travelers pending the delivery of new equipment.

You can fly from Los Angeles or San Francisco to New York today for roughly four hundred dollars. The journey will take about thirty-three hours. The Boeing Air Transport Company, which operates the line from San Francisco to Chicago, originally took an air-mail contract over that route as an advertising medium, with no expectation of profit. In little more than a year's experience they have found that the two-passenger cabin planes are inadequate to

traffic demands. Four multi-motored twelve-passenger planes now building will be put in commission sometime in June. The same company has just taken over the air-mail route extending the length of the coast from Seattle to Los Angeles.

Passengers are flying daily from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Chicago. New equipment is being purchased to care for increasing patronage.

National Air Transport, operating the transcontinental air-mail service from Chicago east to New York and from Chicago south to Dallas, is in the midst of an ambitious program of expansion. Not only will Dallas business men soon be only half a day's air journey from Chicago but in addition a supplementary day flying service is being inaugurated between Chicago and Kansas City. The fare for the seven-hour air trip between New York and Chicago was originally one hundred dollars. With limited equipment and an increasing volume of air mail the company sought to discourage passenger business. It doubled the rate to two hundred dollars. The plan didn't work. Just as many people wanted to fly, and all were willing to pay the increased fare. Pending the establishment of an airport more convenient to New York than the present base at New Brunswick, New Jersey, no effort is being made to encourage passenger traffic. But within a year company traffic experts believe their bases and equipment will be improved to make passenger business desirable. The fare will probably then drop to something less than one hundred dollars.

On April 1st will be inaugurated a new air-mail extension under the management of the Pitcairn Aviation Company extending south from New York to Miami via Washington and Atlanta. The thirty-six-hour train journey to Miami will be shortened to not more than fifteen hours by air. Dallas via Chicago will be but twenty hours from New York. A line is being projected to Mexico City and possibly beyond to other Central American capitals over the trail blazed by Lindbergh.

The significant physical feature of these developments is the gradual elimination of the old open-cockpit type of plane with the passenger encumbered with parachute, flying togs, helmet and goggles. In modern passenger planes enclosed roomy cabins provide the same degree and quality of comfort and convenience as is found in a Pullman. The modern commercial plane travels with the same speed as the pursuit ships of the closing days of the war.

A year ago the small airplane factories which had sprung up to build popular-priced airplanes to replace the obsolete war machines were, for the most part, just getting by. The flood of orders which followed the Lindbergh exploit put them so far behind in deliveries that they have not yet caught up

LUCK! *By HUGH WILEY*

*Illustrations by
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*The clutching hand of
the leading pursuer
closed on a clammy
fold of the frightened
runner's costume*

between Bordeaux and Libourne.

Seven miles south of the warehouse project was the village of Arborsac. The little hamlet was undistinguished from other settlements which drowsed apart from the alarms of war, save that its population included Cleopatra, red-headed queen of village queens. By the Gang's unanimous vote, in a field of beauties who had charmed the brave and loving Soldats Americains, Cleopatra was a three-time winner.

She of the flaming hair, born in Algiers, lived on the edge of Arborsac in an old stone house where, with her husband's mother, she waited in vain for her man's returning because he was too pleasantly employed in Paris.

Behind her house was a little enclosure of ground on a southern slope, and here were vines planted from whose grapes wines of rare flavor had been pressed; and on another patch of ground bordering the shade of three ancient trees there was a patch of strawberries whose juices matched Cleopatra's hair.

Without being dangerous, something about the Algerian girl suggested danger, and that may have been her attraction for the hardened veterans in the Gang who had been everywhere and had seen everything.

Wine and strawberries, a free afternoon, sunshine that meant something—"Hot dam, soldier, home was never like this!"

Then, when the local paradise had begun to live up to specifications, prowling into the scene came the invading Uplifter.

For a while the human soul seemed to be his objective, and then he began to promote jolly athletic meets.

"Jimmy the Ink has got a new dish for you rabble," the Top

confided to the Gang after supper had been salvaged and before the evening's activities had claimed free members of the Gang. "It came in the afternoon mail. The Loot said to post it on the board and to hell with it. You birds better read it and see what you're up against."

An inspection of the bulletin board disclosed the fact that Alonzo Bluke would forthwith consecrate himself to the physical welfare of all troops in the camp. "He sure come loaded. That order is got the O. K. of the Base Commander on it."

"Boy, that's what we need—bokoo physical welfare. Juggle ourselves a flock of warehouses all day long and see how fast you can make a hundred-yard dash when Alonzo shoots the gun after supper."

"That louse better look some place else for customers. Personally I wouldn't wish no more physical culture than I get fightin' that damn' Belgian bulldog all day long. That muscle maniac is going to be just as popular as that dope they put in the drinking water at Genimont—and he pains me the same way."

"Maybe all he aims to do is take care of these idle tourists that drift through here—most of those outfits don't do nothing but lay around camp all day anyhow."

Old Pop Sibley contributed a philosophical comment on the problem. "You boys take it easy," he advised. "If wust comes to wust, the Loot kin hang him or a grievance committee could take it up with General Pershing. The chances are he don't aim to pester us hired hands none."

Alas for prophecy. In the S. O. S. the best laid plans had a habit of going wrong. "Finish Warehouse 38 by Friday night," the Loot had announced, "and as far as I'm concerned you can have Saturday and Sunday all your own." Then, making the holiday more worth while, "Spike is in the clear on that Libourne wire, and maybe he'll detail Chuck and the two-ton truck to haul you wherever you want to go. Rig it up any way you want, but you'd better keep away from the bright lights."

Midway of their plans for a two-day ruckus, "Everything's busted sideways," Red Walker announced, coming into the Gang's hut with news of an impending disaster. "Blowed high, wide an' handsome! The Uplifter is pulling an athletic meet. Busts up that artillery ball game, ruins them stevedore boys' minstrel show, knocks the passes all to hell and gums our own game from soup to sinkers. Everybody turns out Saturday afternoon for a workout, the order says, and then Sunday everybody rallies for a mess of running and jumping and junk like that."

"I'm too durned old to run and jump," Pop Sibley protested when the silence had become ominous.

"You ain't too old to cheer for the winner—nobody gets loose. Whoever sidesteps the spotlight in Alonzo's game has got to stick close alongside to help with the cheering."

An informal investigating committee, seeking the Loot's counsel, found nothing to comfort them. "Orders is orders," the Loot set forth. "This bird has got us tied in a sack with his hand-picked holiday. We've got to draw cards and sit into the game whether we like it or not. I might make a play for two or three squads, but the Alonzo bird has got the whole company roped and there she lays."

Assembling to discuss the thing, "It's just like the Loot says," one of the Gang affirmed. "He can't kidnap the company and he don't want to play no favorites. We're up against this thing—let's go through with it."

Forthwith, having resolved to go through with whatever Uplifter Alonzo Bluke might have in store for them, a dozen members of the Gang devoted themselves to formulating some scheme whereby this first general atrocity perpetrated by Alonzo Bluke might mark the end of his activities.

Late that night Isadog and Jugger, wrestling with the problem, struck the first stringer that later led the Gang to a pay streak of rich revenge. "Get Spike outside here till we tell it to him," Isadog directed. "We can't do nothing unless he sees it our way. You dead sure about that new M. P. detachment?"

Jugger spoke with undue harshness. "Listen, Isadog, you infidel skeptic, I told you once me and this Buck Hammer that's sergeant of the M. P. detail worked a claim together in Placer County all one summer. While Buck's runnin' them M. P.'s they're just like we owned 'em. Go on and round up Spike and I'll meet you at the cafe at Vayres."

Half an hour later, apart from the rest of the world in the back room of the little inn on the river bank at Vayres, Spike and Isadog met the waiting Jugger. An unusual enthusiasm marked the latter's mood, while Isadog, more given to exhibiting his varying temperament, held himself under control only by exercising deliberate efforts to that end.

"Listen, Spike," he said excitedly as the parley began, "we got this Alonzo Bluke man standing with one foot on a banana peel and the other touching a trolley wire. You lend us Chuck and your two-ton truck, and by Monday morning that file closer in Mister Uplifter's army won't be nothing but a gap in the ranks. Listen while I tell you what Jugger and I got framed . . ."

NEWS of the forthcoming field day spread rapidly through the various organizations engaged on the warehouse project, and in a little while the event promised to gratify Alonzo Bluke's wildest ambitions.

"The enthusiasm of the men is quite touching," he wrote to a brother Uplifter back in the United States. "The track meet and general jollification which I am arranging for the boys around here next Sunday promises to be quite popular. It is very gratifying to see the way the flower of Democracy shuns the local temptations whenever opportunity for good, clean sport is vouchsafed unto them. I have wrestled with my conscience about the matter of indulging in sports on the Sabbath, but a still, small voice within me seems to say that it is well that the hills and dales of this fair land should become a temple wherein our soldier boys might approach a little nearer to spiritual beauties while resting from their labors."

While Alonzo was wrestling with his conscience concerning the Sunday fiesta, that event, enjoying a normal increment of publicity from the current gossip related beyond the confines of the warehouse project, enlisted to its support half of the local French population. On Saturday when the tryouts for the various events were being staged the camp was thronged with spectators interested in the sport of the Americans.

The innocent bystanders included representatives of both sexes, and this immediately imposed a problem relative to suitable athletic raiment. The problem was finally solved by a genius who suggested the lower half of a B. V. D. equipment appropriately altered by means of a needle and thread. "A man can't run and jump in his uniform, and them denim overalls clutters his legs all up. That flannel underwear is no good. Only thing to do is to sew up a pair of B. V. D. drawers."

"Ain't we goin' to wear no shirts?"

"Sure we're goin' to wear shirts. They got to paint numbers on 'em for one thing to tell who you are, and for another thing the flies around camp since we got so many visitors would eat you up."

The various outfits in the camp contributed large detachments of ambitious applicants for the preliminary tryouts. When it developed that the athletic talent in the Gang included no one capable of shining in any of the events save the three-mile run, the Uplifter graciously permitted the Gang to assume a private title to this part of the affair.

"This three-mile cross-country run will be your very own celebration," Alonzo announced to the Gang. "But remember, fellows, if you are not used to continued exertion it will be a trying affair for you. I trained for the mile at the Seminary for months and months before our physical instructor let me try the longer distances. . . . Of course, leading you as I shall, I will be enabled to hold the pace down to something not too strenuous. Remember—we are not trying to break any records. We are going into this only for the glorious exhilaration that comes when mind and body are perfectly attuned."

While all of this mush was being ladled out to the Gang by the uplifting Alonzo, Spike Randall exchanged the compliments of the season and other friendly sentiments with Sergeant Kinsey of the negro labor battalion, whose efforts were just then contributing so largely to the construction program of the storage depot.

Sergeant Kinsey, one of the best soldiers in the A. E. F., listened with attentive ear. When Spike had outlined his requirements a broad smile of understanding spread over the black man's honest face.

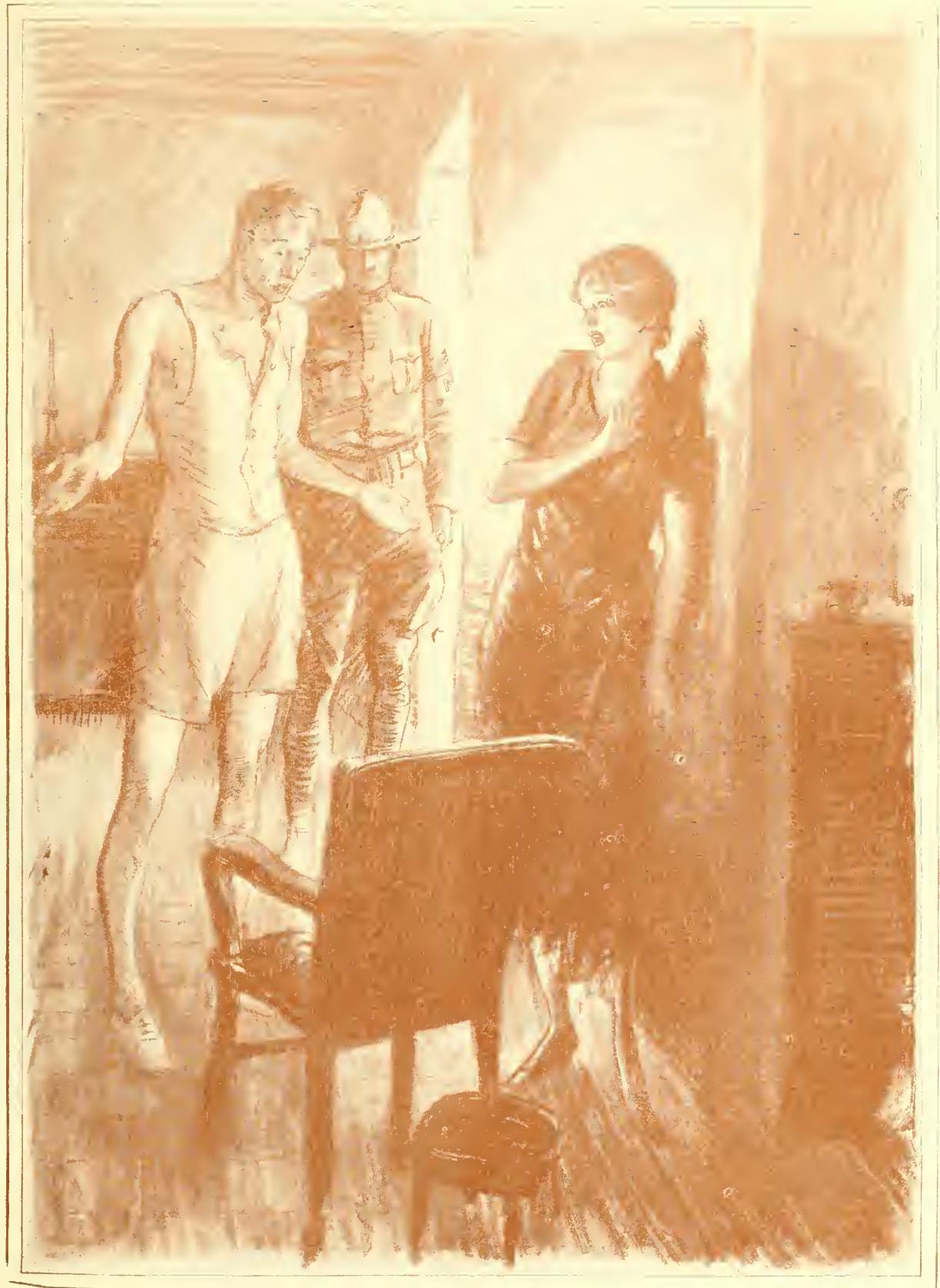
"Six or eight of your men will be enough," Spike concluded, "but the main thing will be to pick a crew out of your outfit who can jabber in French."

"Dat comes mighty easy to some of dese niggers," Sergeant Kinsey returned. "Mighty lot of 'em comes f'm Louisiana an' is already agile wid dis French talk."

A little while later, to a selected group of his protégés in the labor battalion, "Listen at me whilst you gits commanded!" the black and burly Sergeant Kinsey ordered. Forthwith, in accordance with Spike Randall's specifications, a program covering the immediate future was communicated to the detail in a strictly military manner.

"'Filiate wid dem French niggers someplace tonight an' range fo' yo' raiment," Sergeant Kinsey advised his flock. "Dat's all I got to tell you 'cept one thing—does ennybody make enny





"What the hell!" A deep bass voice from the doorway cut through the convulsive sobs of the frantic girl

mistakes, de nex' bugle music whut he hears is gwine to be played by de Angel Gabriel on his resurrecktin' horn . . . Detail—'tenshun! Dis—misted!"

While the blackface detail was getting its orders Spike Randall, following his conversation with Sergeant Kinsey, had made a quick exit toward Arborsac in the telephone crew's flivver.

Arrived at the village, he went directly to an inn where, lingering over a glass of beer, he exchanged a few items of gossip with half a dozen villagers. Had the peaceful town of Arborsac been

molested by any chance by any of the escaped patients from the Americans' insane hospital?

Up to date it appeared that Arborsac had been spared.

That was indeed fortunate, but with the epidemic of insanity which had suddenly afflicted some of the homesick troops, in Spike's opinion vigilance was the price of safety. Alas for the dread by-products of the conflict! Escaped prisoners, escaped crazy men—the land had indeed fallen into evil days . . . But with the brave Sergeant Hammer of the (Continued on page 46)

WHILE the eyes of the world last fall were upon that amazing pilgrimage of American patriots to the land of the great adventure, the spotlight of international interest was switched suddenly from the Second A. E. F. to another momentous circumstance that loomed with a mighty fanfare of trumpets out of the east.

Paul von Beneckendorff und von Hindenburg had a birthday.

The cables groaned under the weight of detailed dispatches heralding the great event in all its magnificent and varied details. Headlines loomed large and black for several days in the American press. The birthday anniversary vied with the world series scores as a subject of popular interest. The stern visage of Paul etc. von Hindenburg glared forth at folks from the front pages in his very latest photo.

Hindenburg showered with costly gifts. Hindenburg receives German ovation. Hindenburg birthday presents overflow palace. Hindenburg reviews monster parade in Berlin. It was all broadcast by the press agencies, the movies, radio, with a zest that is given only to major events of world interest.

In Germany, of course, it was a day off. A nation roused itself to a fever of adulation, of hero worship for a national idol. Millions shouted in patriotic fervor, in well wishes for many happy returns of the auspicious day. From far and near came the guests of honor. Erich von Ludendorff. More cheering. August von Mackensen. Hoch! And the lesser vons in full regalia of field marshals, colonel generals, captain generals. Even a few such low rankers as major generals.

As these Teuton lesser luminaries greet their old-time chieftain amid deafening cheers from banked-in multitudes, the movie cameras grind frantically. Hindenburg, riding in the parade that follows, pauses for a moment to chat with a disabled veteran. Perhaps he is curious to know whether his buddy got hit in the Aisne-Marne or the Meuse-Argonne. The cameras record the incident and the world gets to see the interview, if not hear it. Troops, the flower of what's left of the once-great German war machine, goose-step by. Around the world goes the picture of Hindenburg receiving their salute.

SOME months prior to this birthday of such world-wide proportions, a gentleman of the name of Hunter Liggett had a birthday. If the society reporter in the Liggett home town of San Francisco made no mention of an anniversary demonstration, perhaps it was because there was no such event to record. Mrs. Hunter Liggett presented her husband with a box of his favorite Manila cigars, wished him many happy returns of the day—and that's all there was to it.

Ask the first ten average American citizens at approximately what season of the year Hunter Liggett came into the world and you will be met by a blank stare. All of them doubtless will be able to tell you something of the Hindenburg party. A few will remember that it was in October and possibly one or two will name the date—October 2d. But the majority will tell you that they were not aware that any gentleman of the name of Hunter Liggett was ever born.

Memory speeds us back to that most breathless moment in American history—in world history. The Teuton war Frankenstein which gave von Hindenburg his fame was gathered for the fatal lunge. Friedensturm! The hour of German victory was at hand. From the Chemin-des-Dames to the Marne the Prussian hosts had blasted their way through steel and blood. Now one final massed lunge down the valley of the Marne to Paris. A German peace!

Into this crimson crisis America's first divisions had to be thrown. It could not matter that they were not yet fully trained for battle. This was an emergency that counted no cost. Civilization was at stake in the monstrous storm that was blowing upon the Marne. American pluck, American character and American morale must perform the miracle of crossing swords with seasoned German shock troops, battle-wise and confident.



March 21, 1857

March 20, 1862

April 13, 1859

UNKNOWN

By Ared

In this crisis the Allied high commanders did not abandon their skepticism of American high command and staff. They wanted American young manhood sandwiched in under French corps and army tactical control. Grudgingly they consented to an American army corps under the tactical command of its own general—but when this was finally arranged, the American general was not allowed to take over his Corps until July 4, 1918, a few days before the Prussian hurricane broke.

Hunter Liggett was selected for this critical test. The lives of fifty thousand American fighting men were entrusted to his discretion as battle leader, together with a French fighting division. These were made into the now famous First Corps. It was the first time an American officer had commanded an army corps as a fighting entity in action since Civil War days. Something more than General Liggett's life was placed in the balance. His military reputation was lost if the untried First Corps flattened out or fum bled



October 4, 1863—Died 1924



March 4, 1867

The American troops in General Liggett's First Corps comprised the Second and Twenty-Sixth Divisions. With the 167th French Division they took over a sector in the Sixth French Army front—seven kilometers of the Allied line falling to General Liggett's responsibility in this first real test of the valor and stability of America's fighting men and the capacity of her higher commanders.

Two other American divisions were brought up to help stop the initial German onslaught. Dickman's Third Division was given a place in the French Sixth Army just east of Château-Thierry and Menoher's Forty-Second Division went to the Fourth French



January 15, 1861



October 6, 1857—Died 1927



May 21, 1868

See page 79 for
key to names of
general officers
shown on these
two pages

BIRTHDAYS

White

Army fighting in the Champagne. Hold! That was General Liggett's order to his corps. That was their mission, the spirit in which they were to meet the Germans. If Wilhelm was to be kept out of Paris, someone had to hold. Falling back—back—back; such tactics were ruinous. That was what had permitted the enemy to reach the Marne. A giant of a man—mentally and physically—with a kindly nature, a personality that radiated confidence, a knowledge not only of tactics but of the endless volume of minutiae that go into the successful tactical employment of large bodies of troops, General Liggett was able to impress his personality upon his fighting men and see that

they were as ready for the crisis as it was humanly possible to make them.

How the Americans held on the Marne is one of the bright pages in military history. How the untried American corps commander clearly established the fitness of Americans for high command is a part of the new tradition of the American service. The German Friedensturm

thing they had into the struggle. Reports by indorsement hereon, even hurried special reports by telegraph to the highest American headquarters, had to wait while every ounce of energy went into more important duties. Finally, as the crisis of this epic struggle passed its zenith, a brief message reached headquarters from General Liggett.

"We've got the German army in a hell of a fix down here."

Rather brief but to the point. Typically American, it deserved a better fate than it received—deleted by the censor. In fact, that's pretty much what happened to this brilliant American general who would have been a popular idol of the American people if they had been permitted to know him while he was leading the American hosts in battle—the American soldier on horseback overseas.

If Hunter Liggett had done nothing more than successfully command the First American Corps on the Marne he would deserve a place among the conspicuous names of American war history. But that was only a small beginning. Four days after his men had held on the Marne, he demonstrated his capacity as a tactical commander of large bodies of troops in the attack that sent the enemy flying back across the Vesle—the beginning of the German end. More American troops were hurried forward to support him. The gallant Fourth and Seventy-Seventh Divisions and a brigade of the famous Twenty-Eighth Division were added to the Liggett corps. The French gave him another full division of their poilus.

In the twenty-six immortal days of the Liggett corps' counter offensive which followed the stopping of the Germans on the Marne an advance was made of thirty-three kilometers. The corps captured 674 prisoners from eleven different German fighting divisions. The result also set at rest forever in Allied minds all question of American high command. Within a month another American army corps was proclaimed under its own commander, General Robert L. Bullard—and plans were speeded up for formation of the First American Army.

General Degoutte, French Sixth Army commander, paying the first official battle tribute to American effort, published his estimate of the fighting First Corps in General Orders. "During twenty days of incessant combat, they liberated numerous French villages," the French orders proclaim, using round numbers. "They achieved, across a most difficult terrain, an advance of forty kilometers. Their glorious deeds are marked by the names which will illuminate in the future the military history of the United States. The magnificent results attained are due to the energy and ability of the commanders and to the bravery of the soldiers."

Paul von Beneckendorff und von Hindenburg must have got an inkling during July that here was an intrepid new leader with whom he would have to reckon in the future—at least in all matter excepting possibly the relative (Continued on page 50)



September 24, 1863



January 5, 1861

broke July 15th. Four days later General Liggett and his men were crossing the Marne in irresistible counter-attack on the first leg of a journey that would have landed an American field army in Berlin had not the Hindenburg crew hoisted the white flag of November 11th.

While the German onslaught of mid-July raged at the height of its crimson fury and the world held its breath, even American General Headquarters at Chaumont was in a state of high nervous tension. News from the seething conflict was meager. It was an hour for desperate fighting—a time when men and commanders put every-



July 18, 1860

The GIRL WHO WORE O. D.

By Alexander Gardiner

ONE day in the early summer of 1917 Commissioner

William McIntyre of

the Salvation Army opened his morning mail to discover to his surprise that his two daughters, Irene and Gladys, though something like four hundred miles apart, had taken the same occasion to ask him a single question. "Can you get me into Salvation Army war work?" it ran in effect. Though there were probably hundreds of other words in each letter nobody now knows what they were.

The Commissioner, being an idealistically practical man—witness the fact that almost all his life has been spent in Salvation Army work—reasoned that the two young girls had been corresponding and had decided that the way to get what they wanted was to advance to the attack in force. But there were any number of factors to be considered. For one thing, there was their mother. And had they stopped to consider just what they were trying to do? So he wrote from his New York office to Gladys, enjoying a vacation at the shore, and to her older sister Irene, who was engaged in legal work for a Rochester, New York, publishing house, and sought enlightenment. The replies he received convinced him that while, curiously, neither had spoken or written to the other about war service both were terribly in earnest in their request. They were all for action.

It wasn't an easy request to grant. The United States had been in the war only a few months, and the Salvation Army in this country had hardly swung into its war work activities. The two girls were young—Irene had been graduated from Mt. Holyoke College four years before and had a background of business and travel in Europe in the hectic days of early August, 1914, but Gladys was hardly out of her 'teens and was still attending Pratt Institute. Furthermore they were not Salvation Army officers, a circumstance that ordinarily would have been enough to bar them.

But these were extraordinary times, and the Commissioner, weighing the matter, decided that if his daughters wanted to serve their country through his organization he would give them all the help he could. As one of the higher officers of the Salvation Army—he was in charge of the work in New England, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey—his help was a big factor. In August Irene gave up her job in Rochester and returned to the family home in Mount Vernon, New York, and with Gladys waited for the decision. It was November before they received their appointments, but before the first of the year they had sailed with fifteen other Salvation Army workers and were stationed in the Gondrecourt training area with the First Division. And when the Division went up into the so-called quiet Toul sector that

winter, the McIntyre sisters were among the Salvation Army workers who accompanied the troops. There they

stayed when the First went on up to Cantigny and was relieved by the Twenty-Sixth.

It was at Ansauville in this sector, during the fighting between the New England troops and the Germans in April, that the McIntyres had their baptism of fire. Their coffee-and-doughnut factory in a ruined shed in Ansauville just behind Seicheprey was in the line of German fire and was doing a big business with the soldiers going up into and coming out of the line. Officers protested that the girls must really go to the rear, but it was not until an artillery colonel supplemented his offer of a buckboard and a couple of mules to take them back, with a direct order that they would have to go that they closed up the shop. Shells fell about them as they went to the rear and later one scored a direct hit on the hut they had abandoned.

In her two hundred and fifty-six days under enemy fire, Irene McIntyre was twice gassed and twice received the unusual distinction of a personal citation in Army orders. She saw more of the war at close quarters than any other American woman. One of her citations read:

"Under fire of high explosives and gas, she established and conducted huts that were noted for their good cheer and hospitality. Her courage and devotion to her voluntary work were a splendid inspiration to the troops."

Almost nine and one-half years after the fighting about Ansauville, Irene McIntyre Walbridge paid a visit to Ansauville as part of the pilgrimage she was making with The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary to the places hallowed by sacrifice of American troops. The village had changed, of course. But the thing that interested her most was the sight of the small apple tree blooming in the garden of the place where she had been billeted. On that very spot had been an old apple tree which she had seen blown to bits by shellfire. Her visit to Ansauville and other parts of the old front came a short time after the Auxiliary at its convention in Paris had named her its president for this year. It was as Mrs. Robert Walbridge of Peterborough, New Hampshire, that she was chosen. She was married to Mr. Walbridge, a former lieutenant in Co. B, 103d Machine Gun Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Division, in 1921. He is a past commander of the Legion post in Peterborough.

It was from the presidency of the New Hampshire Department of the Auxiliary that Mrs. Walbridge was called to this job. For two years she was the inspired leader of her Department in its work for ex-service men. At the end of 1927 only three active Legion posts in the Department of New



Irene McIntyre (now Mrs. Robert Walbridge) receiving the Twenty-Sixth Division's citation from Major General Clarence R. Edwards. Gladys McIntyre, her sister, stands next to her. The McIntyres were the only members of their sex cited by the New England Division



Now—and then. Mrs. Robert Walbridge, President of The American Legion Auxiliary. At the right, Mrs. Walbridge (then Irene McIntyre) and her sister serving coffee and doughnuts at Ansauville, France, in 1918 a few days before they and other Salvation Army workers were under German fire. Left to right, the girls are Gladys McIntyre, Irene McIntyre, and Stella Young



Hampshire were without Auxiliary units. The Auxiliary in the Department numbered 3500 members, a two-year increase of some 1500. In membership the New Hampshire Auxiliaries rank proportionately second in the country. Under difficult conditions Mrs. Walbridge traveled twenty thousand miles within her Department in two years, inspiring the members to greater achievements. Under her direction the finances of the Department were completely reorganized and a budget system was adopted, with the result that a balance has been created for strictly Department uses in excess of the former annual income. Permanent headquarters has been established, with a full-time secretary. And every activity outlined by the national organization is in actual operation in the Department.

On that record the Auxiliary at its Paris convention placed her at the head of the organization.

The news, sent to the United States by the various press associations and special correspondents, probably interested no group outside the Legion more than the New Hampshire alumnae of Mt. Holyoke College and members of the class of 1913 at Mt. Holyoke. Since becoming a resident of New Hampshire, Mrs. Walbridge's interests, outside of the Auxiliary, have been directed toward work in her college alumnae association. Among her

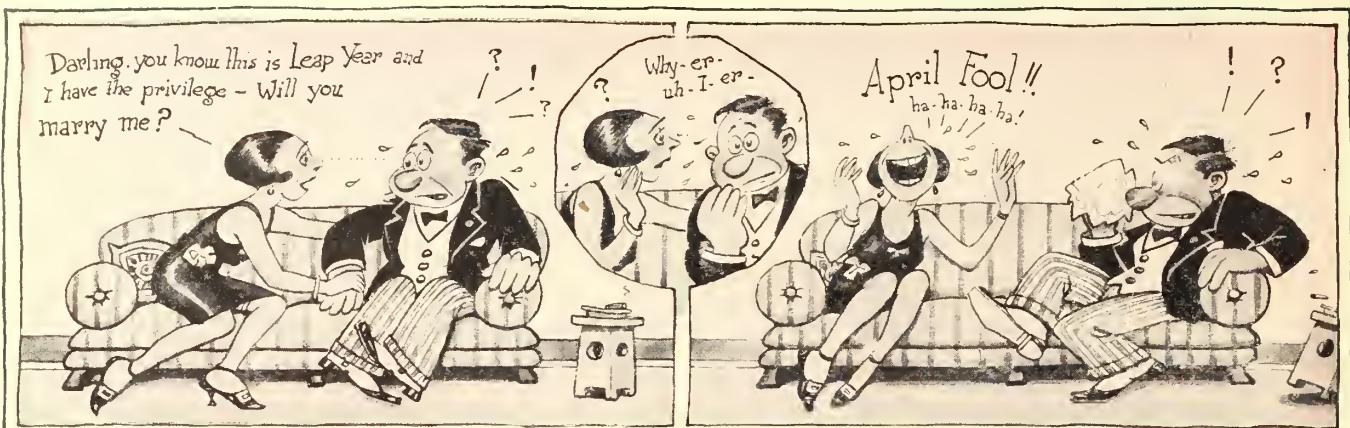
classmates, who are of course scattered throughout the country, there was pride that one of their number had been chosen to the Auxiliary's highest office. And as one of them expressed it in a letter to me, "I believe all of her classmates would say of her office in the Legion Auxiliary: 'Wouldn't you know Irene would reach such a position?'—and the Legion Auxiliary is indeed fortunate to have her for their president—success to her and the organization!"

Another member of Mt. Holyoke, 1913, reveals that Irene was voted the "most artistic" of her class, and adds: "Her skill in any kind of handwork (Continued on page 58)

APRIL FOOLS

Being Some Bloomers That Flower in the Spring

By Wallgren



The party who forgot it was Leap Year—

—and the girl who remembered her dates—perfectly



— Sunday—April 1st—Watch your step—



A PERSONAL VIEW

by
Frederick Palmer

Over the Old Trail
WHITE CROSSES of the cemeteries set in white blankets; snow five or six inches deep at Château-Thierry; snow in the Argonne and all the way to St. Mihiel; Mont Sec hidden in a snow-storm; the roof of the old billets in Lorraine carpeted with snow. I could not go to the Paris convention, but recently I have been in France—and seeing the battlefields under the snow I wished for a truck load of sleds to distribute in a French village. Snow comes so rarely, it vanishes so quickly in that region, that the French children have no sleds.

IN PARIS THE effects of the Legion visit still lingered. Resident Americans speak of it with pride. They feel more important in French eyes as a result. On a wall on the Champs Elysées there still remained Pershing's words: "All we have is yours to dispose of as you will." When this reaches you it will be ten years since they were spoken in that crisis as the German advance of '18 swept over the old battlefield of the Somme and the Allies held their breath in fear lest the war might be lost. All we had to the last man. Therefore is the Legion always welcome.

ON THE ROAD from Château-Thierry to Fismes I stopped to talk with an old woman and her seventeen-year-old son who spoke some English. She had seen some of the Legionnaires go by but looked in vain for Bill. He was a great laugher, was Bill, they said; he made a laugh of everything. Said the son, "'War ees hell but eet's no good to keek against hell,' Bill would say, and he laugh that beeg laugh." Said the mother, "When you see Beel, tell him I'd like to hear his laugh again." "Where was he from?" I asked. "He came from out West." "What was his last name?" "I never know —just Beel."

MORE EX-SERVICE MEN will be up for office in the coming campaign than ever before. There can not be too many. It promises to be a hot campaign. It may even be bitter. This is a warning in time that no candidate, no party, must ever use Legion influence for any partisan political end. Keep to the straight road in this campaign and the last outside doubter that the Legion cannot keep out of politics will have been convinced, as fair-minded people long ago were convinced. In politics as citizens, deep in, but never as Legionnaires. Any other course is unthinkable.

APRIL, 1928

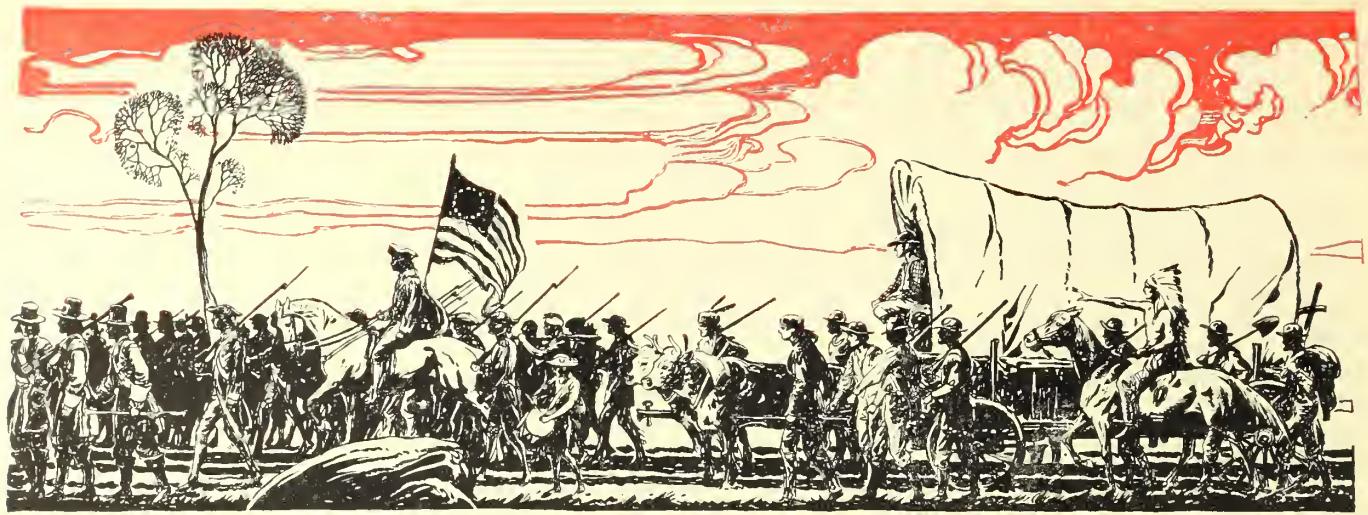
SAID A FRENCHMAN: "I thought your veterans might boast. They did not." He added impressively, "And they had no hate of the Germans whom they fought. They seem to have no racial hates." War if you must, but hold no hatred. This will make more wars. A good reputation for a nation made up of all races—a nation without hate.

A Nation Without Hate
OUR MAIL PLANES carry two and a half tons of mail a day. In Bolivia you go by plane in two and a half hours the distance that formerly took two weeks over mountain passes. England is building a dirigible to take passengers in two days from London to New York. Americans propose new steamers to cut down the steam trip to four days. The faster we travel, the smaller the world, the better we know one another.

FROST COMING OUT of the ground; storm doors off; fire soon out of the furnace; ploughing and planting season. It is spring and time to say it again—bats, balls, and a place to play for the youngsters. They are surely out of mischief then, exercising muscles—and also lungs. And an airport next to the diamond, so they can see the planes light and hop off, makes an ideal combination.

ONE BY ONE G. A. R. and Confederate posts disband. This year may see the last G. A. R. national reunion. Fifty of his descendants and all the people of his home town of Paris, (Missouri), joined in celebrating the one hundredth birthday of William Buckner. He sat on the porch of his comfortable home to receive them. He is able to take a stroll in fair weather. Civil War Veterans are yet young fellows to him. As for those kids the World War Veterans . . .

WHICH EDITOR of our post and department papers has the record for service? I see only a few of the papers. I wish that I saw more. So I was pleased when Editor Burns of the *Who Has the Record?* Taunton (Massachusetts) *Liaison* thought of me and asked "Do you get the book?" I have it now. It is a good book. What a nation-wide range the others I have just been reading from the Pittsfield (Massachusetts) *Star Shell*, *Empire State Legionnaire* of New York, and *Gas Mask and Argonne Post* of Iowa to *Weekly* (Continued on page 79)



KEEPING

Moral Cyclone

THREE years ago a tornado mowed a wide path across southern Illinois, from the Mississippi River to the Wabash, killing hundreds of persons and leveling thousands of buildings. The Legionnaires of posts in a dozen devastated towns rallied almost before the roar of the wind had subsided and in darkness and rain carried the dead and injured from the wreckage, manned automobiles as ambulances, established hospitals in schools and libraries, stopped fires and guarded against looting. Everywhere in southern Illinois the work the Legion did three years ago is a tradition.

Southern Illinois lately has been exposed to another trial. Widespread unemployment in the coal mining towns was followed by an alarming outbreak of crime. In the town of Christopher, where only six thousand persons live, burglaries and hold-ups averaged six a night early in February. Something had to be done. Christopher, touched lightly by the tornado, was up against an emergency. The moral cyclone terrified citizens almost as much as the big wind. Mayor O. H. Lewis decided that the time had come once more for The American Legion to go into action. He appealed to the Legion post of his town. It heard his call. Twenty-five Legionnaires volunteered for police service, were formally sworn in as officers and went on night patrol duty. Almost immediately night crimes ceased. But householders, behind their locked doors, slept soundly on later nights because they knew the Legion guard was still patrolling darkened streets.

The Sun Comes Out

HERRIN, Illinois, is near the town of Christopher. It is the center of the delta between the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers that is known as Egypt in Illinois. Egypt is where the south begins. The winds are a little warmer. The drawl is a trifle slower. Hospitality is a bit more genuine. A town of beauty, fine spirit, wealth and ambition is Herrin, but its finer attributes in recent years have been overshadowed by the nationally-heralded news of murders and street battles—a heritage of feuds and vendettas which have flourished for fifty years. Locally, the Vendetta of 1876 is remembered as vividly as the more recent happenings which put Herrin's name on all newspaper front pages.

When Herrin Prairie Post of The American Legion began

working, everybody in the town found common ground in the post's program for community betterment. One of the first things the post did was to ask the city officials to commit to its charge one of the principal streets. Thirteenth Street was rechristened Legion Boulevard. The post spent several thousand dollars for shrubbery, trees and flowers. Legion Boulevard today is Herrin's Riverside Drive.

Later Herrin Prairie Post found the whole town behind it when it erected at the intersection of two main streets a World War monument. The unveiling ceremonies were held on Labor Day in 1926 with the Williamson-Jackson counties labor celebration. Past National Commander Milton J. Foreman spoke.

When Herrin was getting ready to observe last Christmas Day, Legionnaires had not forgotten that in the midst of plenty there was want, that in a city which had abundant fuel from its own mines many hearths were cold, that there were heart-aches while Christmas carols were being sung. With the help of the Boy Scouts, the Camp Fire Girls, the Elks and women's clubs, Herrin Prairie Post assembled Christmas presents for all the children of the town and distributed them at a Christmas party that gave Herrin the finest example of community cheer it had ever known. Of course there was a Christmas tree and Santa Claus appeared with his reindeer.

Milk and Books

WONDERING why he had never read anything in the Keeping Step sector of the Monthly about some worthwhile things his own post had done, Legionnaire W. D. Owens of Henry H. Graves Post of Jackson, Mississippi, surmised correctly that nobody had ever told the Monthly about them. So Mr. Owens dictated a letter to the Step Keeper. No long-range citation composer could improve on Mr. Owens' straightforward report. He said:

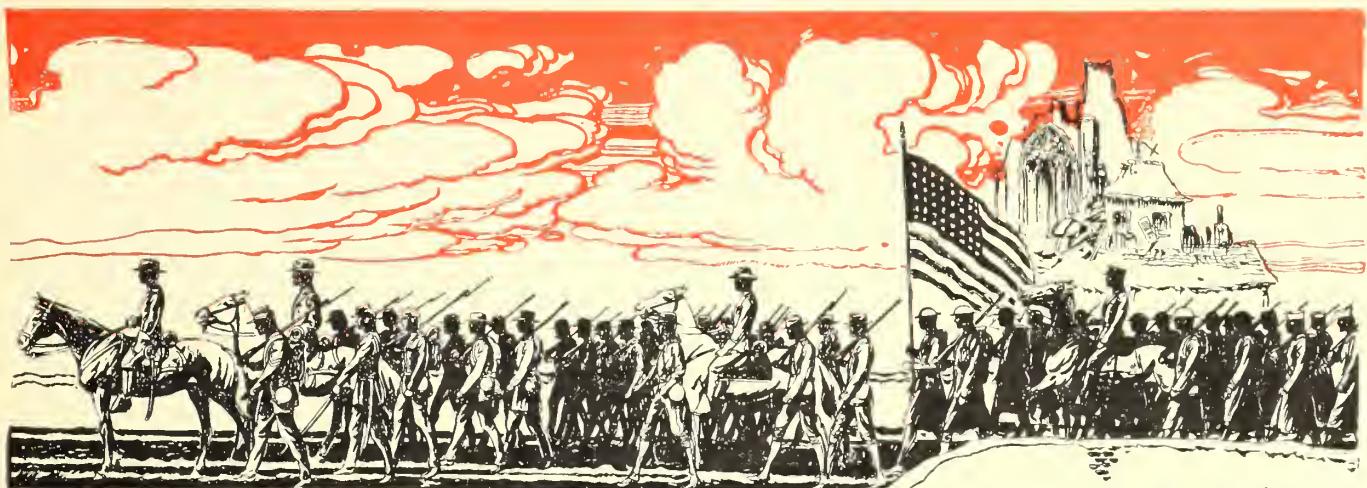
"Two years ago Howard H. Graves Post started a milk fund to care for under-nourished and under-privileged children of the public schools in Jackson. For two years we have provided pure, wholesome milk for 132 children. The children are

weighed once a month by physicians and a report is made to the post. Weakly children grow robust.

"Recently our post made a survey of the needs of the schools and found three of them without libraries. The post voted unanimously to establish libraries in these schools, using funds from the post treasury."



April again, and Legionnaire John Philip Sousa and his daughter, Priscilla, will soon recommission the Sousa private navy, on Long Island, New York



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One more thing Mr. Owens mentioned: the City Commission of Jackson has presented to Henry H. Graves Post a permanent home valued at \$70,000. Mr. Owens would have had a perfect score as Step Keeper for his own post if he had sent along a photograph of the new post clubhouse, but he is probably waiting until his outfit has given its home a fresh coat of paint.

By Their Deeds

EVERY day, everywhere! You can pick up almost any copy of any newspaper and find a story of a Legion post at work. The entire Middle West read its newspapers early in February while its country roads were being watched and its cities searched for two convicts who had disappeared en route from a jail in Lafayette, Indiana, to a reformatory at Pendleton, Indiana. Also had disappeared the two deputy sheriffs who were transporting the convicts in an automobile. The conviction grew that the convicts had murdered the officers and hidden their bodies. The American Legion posts along the entire route from jail to reformatory spent days searching for the scene of the crime before the bodies were found.

In Marion, Ohio, citizens had talked for years of the menace of grade crossings in the city's center which regularly exacted a toll of dead and injured. Bird-McGinnis Post of Marion at a meeting recently prepared a plan for elimination of the grade crossings, called upon all other civic organizations to join in the campaign and appointed a committee to confer with public officials and the railroads.

Real Palace

MOST of the Legionnaires of Rome Post are men who have lived in the United States for long periods and many of them are disabled men with families who found it impossible to return to the United States within the time limit of May 26, 1927, set under the original Tilson Act. That act, sponsored by the Legion, enabled American World War veterans living abroad to return to the United States before the time limit without regard to quota restrictions of the immigration law. The Paris convention voted to ask Congress to extend the Tilson Act to permit American veterans now living in Italy to return to this country with their families. Unless the law is extended many disabled men in Rome and other parts of Italy will find this year a hard one. They



will have difficulty supporting their families on Veterans Bureau compensation allowances. Almost five thousand Italians who served in the American Army in France returned to the United States before the date set by law as the time limit.

For Rome Post itself it looks like a good year. The post recently was given a home in a famous Roman palace as the result of Premier Mussolini's interest in its work for the disabled men among its members and its other activities. The new clubrooms are in Vimena Palace, which houses the Italian Ministry of the Interior. The Government furnished the clubrooms and is providing heat and light without charge. Premier Mussolini has given the franking privilege to all Legionnaires in Italy. They are permitted to send and receive letters without paying postage when corresponding with former soldiers of the United States Army.

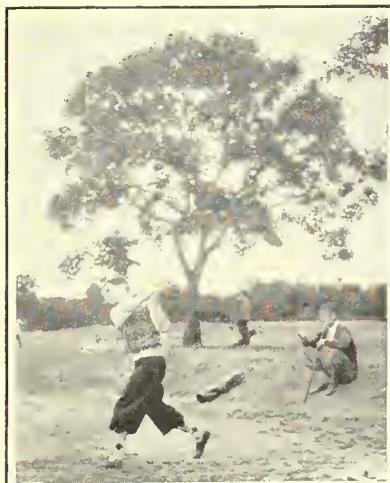
Born of the Flood

WHEN the Mississippi was rampaging through the lowlands of Louisiana last year, the Legionnaires of L. B. Faulk Post of Monroe, Louisiana, fought battles against death and disease and famine. In rowboats and automobiles they went far and wide, rescuing marooned households, feeding refugees and doing the sanitary tasks that warded off pestilence.

Now comes a sequel to the story of L. B. Faulk Post's flood relief work. After the waters had gone down the citizens of Monroe provided for the post an emergency relief truck, an automobile with special equipment for meeting future emergencies.

Dr. H. E. Carney, who organized the Emergency Relief Corps of the post, conceived the idea of the emergency relief truck. Such a truck could have been used in countless ways during the fight against the flood. Dr. Carney enlisted the help of Fire Chief Frank Roddy and other firemen and the truck was built in the fire department's shops. Merchants contributed the special equipment—a power plant for generating electricity, big spotlights and flood-lights, boxes of tools and grappling hooks for bringing bodies from water, a stretcher and stores of medical supplies.

The truck, bearing a lettered sign identifying it as the emergency relief truck of L. B. Faulk Post, is kept at fire department



The Mason City (Iowa) cure for spring fever—the community golf course operated by Clausen-Worley Post. Legionnaire Volney Wilfong following through

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headquarters. In addition to responding to the special calls, such as reported drownings, it regularly goes out on second and third alarm fires. If no member of the Legion crew is available on these hurry-up calls, a fireman drives the truck while the Legionnaires of the crew are being notified by telephone.

Building Time

AMERICAN Legion posts are helping in the architectural glorification of the United States. Those which have not yet built new clubhouses are saving money and planning to build them. All through the country as the frost leaves the ground new Legion homes are rising and post committees are consulting architects to make post dreams come true. Meeting places in upper stories of old business blocks, in the auditoriums of public buildings and in other temporary quarters are gradually being given up as posts grow in influence and affluence, and the new post clubhouses are being recognized in hundreds of towns and cities as monuments to the Legion's public spirit and the Legion's standing in the community. Many posts which in earlier years bought old buildings have found it possible to erect new clubhouses with the profits from their real estate ventures. Other posts have built clubhouses after receiving large gifts of money from individual citizens. Still other posts have received as gifts family mansions.

The Legion's home-acquiring activities, of course, are a part of the very greatest building era the United States has ever known. One needs only to look about in the expanding suburban sections of any city to understand what is taking place architecturally. The day of the makeshift home without beauty is passing. Even modest cottages now conform to standards of sightliness as definitely as do libraries of granite and marble built on the lines of Greek temples.

In addition to putting up homes for themselves, Legion posts are often sponsors of community memorial buildings. In all the construction enterprises, Legionnaire builders are observing the principle that any structure, whether it be a clubhouse costing \$10,000 or a community memorial building costing a million dollars, should be as carefully planned and built as a monument executed by a sculptor. Good architects mean good clubhouses.

Ille de la Cite, Iowa

THE Red Cedar River flows through the center of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, dividing the city as the Seine divides Paris, and in Cedar Rapids as in Paris a series of bridges connects right bank and left bank. There are fourteen bridges along the curving course of the river. And the Red Cedar River, like the Seine, encircles a sizeable island in the heart of a city. The cathedral of Notre Dame stands on an island in the Seine. On the island of the Red Cedar River is now rising a million-dollar community World War memorial—a reminder of the public spirit of Hanford Post of The American Legion.

"When the service men came back in 1919 the city raised \$75,000 as a testimonial of public gratitude," reports Maurice Cahill, Past Commander of Hanford Post and former National Executive Committeeman from Iowa. "The fund was turned over to Hanford Post for the purchase of a lot and the erection of a clubhouse. Then the dreamers got busy. It would be very nice to have an exclusive Legion home, but what Cedar Rapids needed most was a community center and a new city hall, a

building with an auditorium large enough to hold five thousand persons or more. There were 1,500 members of Hanford Post and they were willing to place their city's welfare above post needs. The post took a leading part in an election held in 1925 at which the voters authorized the erection of the million-dollar World War memorial building and city hall. The island was chosen as the site. The Legion worked mightily to make this civic dream come true, and it has joined its efforts with those of all other civic and patriotic associations. Legionnaire Charles Burton Robbins, recently appointed Assistant Secretary of War, is chairman of the commission which has charge of the erection of the building. Two of the architects are Legionnaires—W. J. Brown of Cedar Rapids and Henry Hornbostel of Pittsburgh. Hanford Post, and Pont-a-Mousson Post, composed of colored service men, will find a home in the new building, and so will other veterans' societies, including those of the Civil War and Spanish-American War. Architecturally, the building will rank as one of the most striking buildings in the world.

All Iowa will share our pride in it next September when it is dedicated during the 1928 convention of the Iowa Department of The American Legion."

Colonial Dream

STRANGERS motoring into Mount Kisco, New York, over one of the principal highways of Westchester County, one of New York City's principal suburban areas, stop their cars when they round a curve and find themselves looking upon the clubhouse of Moses Taylor, Jr., Post of The American Legion. With its tall white columns, set against the hills, it seems an enchantment of the spirit of the marvelous builders of Colonial days.

The story of the Mount Kisco post's clubhouse is one that is typical of the initiative and enterprise shown by Legion builders. Post Commander James A. Kelly tells it:

"In 1922 we raised money for a clubhouse site with the understanding that money for the building itself would be provided under an offer that had been made to

us. We purchased at auction from the Watershed Department of the City of New York a large tract, paying \$13,000 for it. Then we found that our original building plans had blown up.

"In 1925 we held a public auction of our land and made \$38,000 from the sale of business lots, retaining, however, the site for our building. Then we had plans prepared by Architect John R. Larkin of New York City, member of our post, and we advertised for bids. The bids ran over \$60,000, but we let the contracts. The building was dedicated in November, 1926, and cost us \$80,000, including furnishings and equipment. With an auditorium seating 500 persons and many special attractions, the building is the center of community life. Mount Kisco is a town of only 5,000 persons and our peak membership was 185, so we are naturally proud of what we have done. While the building was being put up, we received \$16,000 in contributions from residents of the town. The only incumbrance on the property now is a mortgage of \$15,000 which we are reducing."

Everything But Moss

CENTURIES old looks the clubhouse of Coral Gables (Florida) Post, built in the style of the old Spanish missions, but it has only stood for four years upon a corner where two of Coral Gables' principal streets meet. Today it is not only the hearth of Coral Gables Post but also a center of social life in its city.

"Originally the building was a restaurant and dancing club,"

KEEPING STEP

writes Post Adjutant R. H. Collins. "The Patio, as we call it, is a mighty fine home for us. We hold our meetings in the large open-air court, ordinarily. We have given a series of dances in the clubhouse and the post and its Auxiliary unit hold open house on Saturday nights. At these affairs refreshments are served and prizes are awarded. We also rent our dance floor and restaurant facilities to many other organizations. Our reading room is an especially popular feature of the clubhouse. Our members use it always, of course, and we entertain many visitors from all parts of the United States."

The Call That Came

WHAT would your post and your Auxiliary unit do if it found itself confronted with a major community disaster? Disaster, like death, ordinarily has academic interest for those outside the immediate circle it affects. Observatory Post of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and its Auxiliary unit may have believed they were remote from disaster. But on a winter day a huge gas tank exploded in Pittsburgh, killing a score of persons.

"We had often wondered what our Auxiliary unit would do in case of an emergency," writes Miss Bess I. Franz, Secretary of Observatory Post's Auxiliary Unit. "What we did may interest other posts and units which have never had a test.

"While the dead were still being counted, while homes for many blocks around the exploded tank were in ruins, with many families homeless, our unit forwarded \$250 to the American Red Cross for relief work and mobilized to help in any way we could. A committee of our members spent the entire evening telephoning members and friends to obtain quick delivery of clothing and bedding for the refugees. Another committee of our post and unit then opened a salvage station in post headquarters and a distribution center in a fire station. We gave out clothing and bedding to all who applied. Announcements broadcast by radio brought to our relief stations tremendous quantities of supplies, including food, and many contributions of money. The American Legion official arm band was recognized by police

and firemen throughout the devastated zone and our workers spent many days giving personal help to sufferers who lingered pathetically on the sites of their former homes."

They Kept It Everybody's Lake

SHORTLY before 1917 an elaborate Chautauqua assembly ground was put in use at Spiritwood Lake, a beautiful little body of water near Jamestown, North Dakota. But the war came and the enterprise became a white elephant on the hands of its promoters. Eventually a mortgage was foreclosed on the property. It seemed likely that its 127 acres of land, occupying the most desirable portion of the lake shore and improved with about \$23,000 worth of buildings, including an auditorium capable of seating 1,500 people, a two-story pavilion housing a dance hall, a restaurant, bathing facilities and docks, seven summer cottages and other structures, would fall into private hands and be exploited to the exclusion of the general public, which hitherto had enjoyed the privileges of a resort altogether unique in that prairie country. Something had to be done if this disaster was to be averted. So last year Ernest DeNault Robertson Post of Jamestown did it.

The Jamestown post has some 300 members in its town of 7,000 people. Headed by Post Commander John F. Nolet and Arthur Johnson, chairman of a special committee, the post proposed to the Board of Commissioners of Stutsman County that the county take over the Chautauqua property, by paying off a mortgage of \$8,600, and turn it over to the Jamestown post to be administered as a recreation park for the public.

The commissioners indorsed the proposed arrangement in principle. But they felt that before they spent such a sum of public money, the post ought to demonstrate its ability to operate the place satisfactorily. The Legionnaires accepted the test. The post obtained a year's option from the holders of the park. It sub-let the lake front pavilion to an experienced manager. A post committee took in charge the rest of the property.

The results of last summer's operation proved (Continued on page 75)



These Legion clubhouses recall the glories of two early types of American architecture. Above, the Colonial clubhouse of Mount Kisco (New York) Post. Below, the clubhouse of Coral Gables (Florida) Post, in the style of the early Spanish missions



HOBNAILS *not* WINGS

By Dan Sowers

AN OLD colored preacher, down in Kentucky, used to open his sermons by reading a scripture text. Then, peering over the rims of his spectacles, he would say, "Now, my beloved, I'm not gwine to give you any definition of the words of my text, but I'm gwine to give you a whole passel of f'rinstances and let you draw your own conclusions; and if them conclusions ain't right, may the Lord have mercy on your erring souls."

In this article, no effort will be made to say what is the "Americanism of The American Legion," within the compass of a definition, but rather to relate some instances typical of the constructive work performed by Legion posts toward making our country a better place in which to live and, by example, teach adherence to the slowly developed and soundly tested principles of this republic which have made our Government as nearly fool proof as possible.

Once a year at the annual National Convention we have a resolution-fest of Americanism. Ideas on citizenship development and other patriotic matters are brought to the National Convention. They come from Department Conventions as resolutions of policy for consideration by the national body. They cover a wide range of subjects, including patriotic instruction, flag etiquette, immigration, anti-radicalism effort, national defense, boys' and girls' work, adult education, Americanization, community service and so on. Those resolutions adopted by the convention become mandates of policy, and the matter of their interpretation and the formulation of ways and means for their application is a work delegated to the National Americanism Commission. This commission also acts as a clearing house for ideas on practical, constructive service to America and its communities by Legionnaires. In some quarters there has been the thought that the Americanism Commission was a sort of a Y. M. C. A. wing of the Legion, or a "trade last" outfit existing for the sole purpose of swapping compliments with other patriotic groups.

I often meet people who seem to think the Legion's Americanism program is too ethereal, that it is a head-in-the-clouds abstraction remote from the everyday levels in which average citizens move and work. These people, usually intensely practical individuals who are very busy with their own affairs, have much the same opinion of Americanism as the dirt farmer has—or once had—of the theories of agriculture taught in the universities. What I'd like to get across is the fact that this Americanism program of the Legion's isn't a head-in-the-clouds thing, but is really made up of practical, everyday works and accomplishments of Legion posts everywhere. Americanism is just as much an everyday concern as plowing or building houses. It has its roots in our daily lives and not in occasional debating and resolute tournaments. It belongs on the ground—not in the air. It walks with the hobnails of common sense—it doesn't wear wings.

The picturization of the actual Americanism work fostered by the Legion's commission will show the efforts of almost a million men and women who are anxiously and earnestly striv-

ing to keep alive the idealism, patriotism and sentiment of the founders, of the builders, and of the conservators of this nation.

In a certain locality where many foreigners had settled and new ones were arriving from time to time, there had grown up a segregated district known as "the foreign colony." These immigrants were totally ignored socially and politically by the native populace. Their only visitors from the outside were people with race-conscious doctrines and isms. They came to sow their propaganda. They worked in a rather subtle way. First, they showed an interest in these people by offering to help them with the problems that confront folks in a strange and new land. Naturally, these immigrants looked upon these visitors as their friends. So when the radicalism doctrinal advocate got ready to plant his propaganda in the minds of these people, he had fertile soil. Ready response was natural, for the approach was made to a heart already filled with friendship.

On the other hand, no conservative American citizen had ever interested himself in the affairs of these people. Their only contact with the Government had been with police officers who had come in to search their houses for illicitly-made wines, or to eject them from their homes during labor disputes. They looked upon these officers as the "law" and the

"law" was the Government; and they were encouraged to think that the Government functioned only when it had some excuse to punish or oppress them. No one had ever told them what the law was or explained to them the principles of our Government, and how it was an agency of protection for the individual as well as for society as a whole.

The war came along and this foreign colony furnished its quota of men to fight for the Government. Some of them did not understand just why they should fight for this thing they had been led to believe was always against them. However, they accepted it as a thing to do, and did it. Many of them, for the first time, learned something of the democracy of Americans when they went into the army.

The war over, soldiers returned to their accustomed places in the life of that community. A Legion post was organized. The war had taught many of these soldiers that Tony, Mike, Pishta and Gus were darned good fellows, and they got them to come into the Legion. The post was fortunate in having a far-sighted commander. This commander had served with the boys from the foreign colony and he felt something should be done toward teaching the people in the colony about their adopted country that would give them a fairer opportunity to be absorbed in American life and our patriotic idealism. Being a fellow of action, the commander assembled a committee and started to work.

The first thing this committee did was to take a census of the foreign settlement. This wasn't done in an official "note-book-and-pencil-in-hand" sort of way; that would have aroused suspicion. No, these fellows in round-table conference schooled themselves along lines of sympathetic (*Continued on page 61*)



Dan Sowers, Director of the National Americanism Commission, here shown at his desk in Indianapolis, is a familiar figure in many States in which he has spoken in the last year

Then and Now



*Hard-Boiled Smith's Haunt—Gob Thespians?—
Certainement!—A Frigid Debate—Who Was the Unknown
Organ Pumper?—Another Unofficially Alive Vet—Outfit Notices*

BETTER late than never is a hackneyed expression but it fits the occasion. Slowly—and, we hope, surely—the men and women who comprised the Second A. E. F. last fall are coming forward with reports of the present-day conditions of the old camps and towns in which the first A. E. F. had its being back in the days of the war. The battleground of Is-sur-Tille was described last month. Now we hear of a landmark, famous or infamous according to the memories of the individual, right in the Legion's 1927 convention city, Paris. The picture on this page shows the present-day entrance to this inhospitable hostelry and we'll let Legionnaire O. L. Dally of Akron, Ohio, tell about it:

"Say, fellows, it's all right to visit Paris now without a pass. The M. P.'s are as absent there as icebergs in the Cuyahoga River in July. But just to make sure of that it seemed advisable to slip around to the Hotel Ste. Anne and take a snapshot—and here it is. Look it over.

"Many a poor fellow who had a three-day pass to go back to a little town to look for some equipment he thought might be found and who took advantage of what seemed to be an excellent opportunity to go A. W. O. L., came to grief when he found himself ushered through the portals of 10 rue Sainte Anne, Paris, by the strong arms of what we might now justly term the fascist element of the first A. E. F. In fact nearly every soldier who found his way to Paris eventually found himself in the vicinity of this compulsory point of concentration.

"But now it is just a plain hotel. A porter meets you at the door and a clerk books you at the desk and takes your money if you have some particular desire to spend another and perhaps more pleasant night there just for old time's sake. The clerk, on inquiry, informs you that all traces of the former use and occupation by the transient and erring part of the American Army have been removed.

"And across the street, the little café, La Bonne Auberge, from which the occupants of the improvised military prison were often taken and to which they usually returned immediately after their release, has also changed. It has a different proprietor, the partitions have been removed and instead of separate rooms for the bar, for the dining room and for the dance and piano, it is now all one room fitted up as a nice little restaurant. The bar is just about in the same place, but the old zinc bar over which the boys slid their empty glasses to be refilled has been replaced by one of highly polished oak.

"Madame Jeanne, the lively little French woman who always scurried around and fretted and scolded in a friendly way, is no longer there. The present proprietor was unable to tell where she had gone. There is little around the place that you would remember except the sign of La Bonne Auberge outside.

"Every year some of the boys come back, according to the

proprietor. They look around and ask about Madame Jeanne and the piano. But even the latter is missing. And when they leave, the present owner added, they always seem disappointed. "And I guess they are, too."

NOW that former gobs have awakened, after much persuasion, to the fact that they can strut their stuff in these columns as well as ex-doughboys, leathernecks, nurses or yeomanettes, we hope that they will continue to rise and shine. Lately several of those who wore the blue during the war have come across with interesting stories. Now we have heard from one who breaks the news to the Gang that service shows—we'll have to discontinue the phrase "soldier shows"—were not only the products of the Army and Marine Corps. That one is Thomas J. Hare of Philadelphia, and this is what he has to tell us:

"Reading about show troupes in Then and Now recalls to my mind a play which we ran in camp on Christmas Day, 1917. I was in the Navy and was stationed at the Lafayette Radio Station just outside of Bordeaux at the village of Croix d'Hins.

"This little play we produced was entitled 'The Red Lamp.' There were two female characters in the plot; one of whom represented a young girl, the heroine, and the other an elderly old maid aunt. The latter part was portrayed by the writer.

"The chaplain took the cast into Bordeaux to obtain costumes and well do I remember mine. It was a long clinging purple velvet dress with slippers to match. I suggested to the chaplain at the time that he also obtain stockings for me which would match the outfit but he thought that as the dress was long, I could get away with a pair of ordinary Navy black socks.

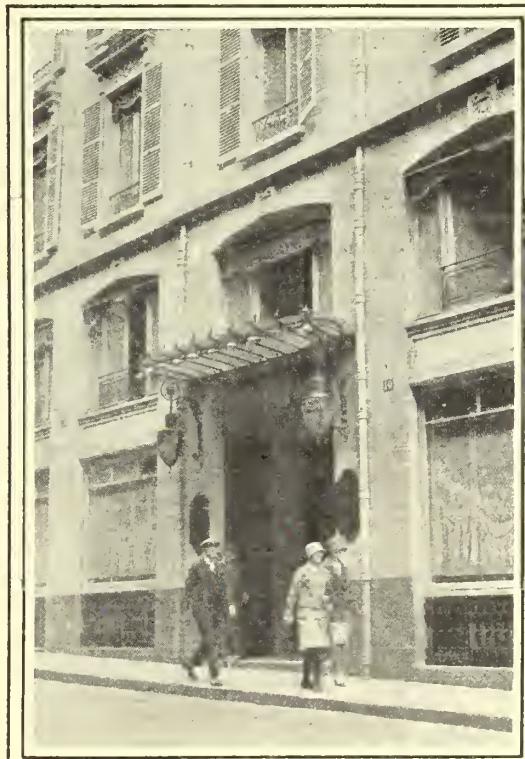
"During the course of the play, the heroine eloped and when the news was brought to me I was supposed to collapse on a settee and shed bitter tears.

"I collapsed all right but in so doing forgot about the way I was garbed underneath and crossed my legs. A gob in the front row shouted, 'She's wearing socks!' and the remark very nearly caused the disruption of the entire performance.

"I am sure this will recall some very pleasant memories to Navy men who served on the station. Our outfit's official title was U. S. High Power Radio Construction Detachment."

IT'S a foregone conclusion that inaccuracies—either real or assumed—in Then and Now just simply can't get by with our audience. Which is just what we want. But when a member of the Gang makes a statement in these columns, we're always ready and glad to give him a chance to answer any comments or criticisms offered by other members of the Gang. So we will stand on the sidelines, while Legionnaires Allard and Van Overmeer have their little debate—the rest of the Gang to be the referees.

Says Commander A. M. Allard of Joseph St. Germain Post of



"All ye who enter here...." might well have been inscribed over the portal shown above. A Second A. E. F.-er, O. L. Dally of Akron, Ohio, took this snap of Hotel Ste. Anne, Paris—unhallowed memory of the first A. E. F.

Baltic, Connecticut: "Just a few lines to tell the cock-eyed world that someone made a mistake in that picture in Then and Now on page 45 of the January Monthly."

"I wintered in St. Nazaire the winter of 1918-19 till the last of April, 1919, and it was never cold enough to wear a p'coat. I don't think there was a week in all that winter when it was cold enough to freeze."

And, retorts J. P. Van Overmeer of Greenwich Village Post, New York City, who sent us the picture under discussion and the information which appeared with it:

"The picture of the icicles in St. Nazaire is authentic beyond shadow of a doubt. The ice-encrusted water tank was the property of the Chemin-de-fer du Nord and its location alongside the ship basin of St. Nazaire is quite definite in my mind. The colored soldier in the foreground, whom I remember quite well but whose name escapes me at this time, was a company clerk billeted with one of the service companies at Camp No. 4, St. Nazaire.

"This particular soldier never served at any other station than St. Nazaire during his time in France. It is my recollection that he presented the picture to me. I also personally saw this leaky water tank at the time it carried this same coat of ice—probably the same day or within a day or so before or after the photograph was taken.

"Winters in St. Nazaire and adjacent Brittany were not severely cold but I'll guarantee that friend Comrade P. M. Allard is all wet when he says he doesn't think there was a week in all the winter of 1918-19 in St. Nazaire when it was cold enough to freeze. He must have stuck pretty close to the steam coils below decks quite a few times during that winter if he failed to observe the temperature at 32 degrees, Fahrenheit, or lower, and particularly on the morning of February 10, 1919, when this photograph was taken. No balmy Mediterranean breezes there.

"I'm here to tell the same well-known cock-eyed world that the old Sibley stove was a mighty comfortable thing to hang around on many a cold morning or night. But then, these gobs always did run around in cold weather without coats. I suppose if regulations had permitted, they wouldn't even have worn blouses if it hadn't been that they needed that left breast pocket for a pack of cigarettes. It seems that anything short of a blizzard was balmy weather with them. They all seemed to be guys like that. How did they get those ways?"

We'll turn over the microphone to any other weather-hounds who want to enter the debate about conditions in St. Nazaire during the winter of 1918-19. Sic 'em!

FAME hovers just around the corner for some at-present-unknown veteran of the A. E. F.—fame in the form of an honorable membership in the Guild of Former Pipe Organ Pumpers. Hold back the razzberries until we explain that there is such an organization in active existence, that it numbers among its members many prominent personages and has local chapters or "lofts" in all parts of this country and one, even, in Paris.

And now for the uninitiated we hasten to explain that Legionnaire Chet Shafer, erstwhile Detroiter and now of New York City, formed this guild to bring credit and glory to one class of heroes whose duties were performed hidden from the public gaze and applause. Before the wonders of electricity furnished motive power to supply the all-necessary air which sends forth the music from the de luxe organs now installed in houses of worship and temples of the cinema, that power had to be supplied by the off-stage efforts of youths.

This brings us to our unknown hero of the A. E. F. Among the thousands of photographs taken by the Photographic Sec-

tion, U. S. Signal Corps, during the war, General Pershing himself has designated as the "most striking" the picture reproduced on this page. The catalog gives the following terse explanation: "Interior of Church of Vaux—Troops of 317th and 319th Ambulance Company, 305th Sanitary Train, at Ardennes, France, Nov. 5, 1918."

Although the Armistice was still six days away, these troopers are singing. One of their number is seated at the church organ, playing the accompaniment. But to bring forth musical tones from the pipes someone hidden from the eye of the camera had to pump the bellows which gave life to the instrument. This is the man the Guild wants to find and to honor. The Company Clerk will accept duly authenticated nominations.

ANOTHER member has been added to our "Unofficially Alive Veterans Club," which is composed of service men who are still very much present to disprove the Government's official notice to their relatives that they had lost their lives in service. We will let Joseph L. Milgram of Bill

Brown Post, Brooklyn, New York, and a resident of Sheepshead Bay, New York, make the introduction:

"In the January Monthly you ask if there are any other unofficially alive veterans among us, and I nominate my brother, Nat. L. Milgram, to the club.

"It was only a few weeks after war had been declared in April, 1917, and he had just come up from the Border where he had done a turn with a Philadelphia National Guard outfit. He and the squad of which he was corporal had been assigned to guarding a tunnel near Cumberland, Maryland.

"One day a reporter from the Philadelphia *Bulletin* stopped at our home and asked for Nat's picture, but seeing my mother

standing near me, he called me around the corner and showed me an A. P. dispatch stating that my brother had been killed by a freight train near his camp. My mother, to whom I broke the news at once, refused to believe he was dead.

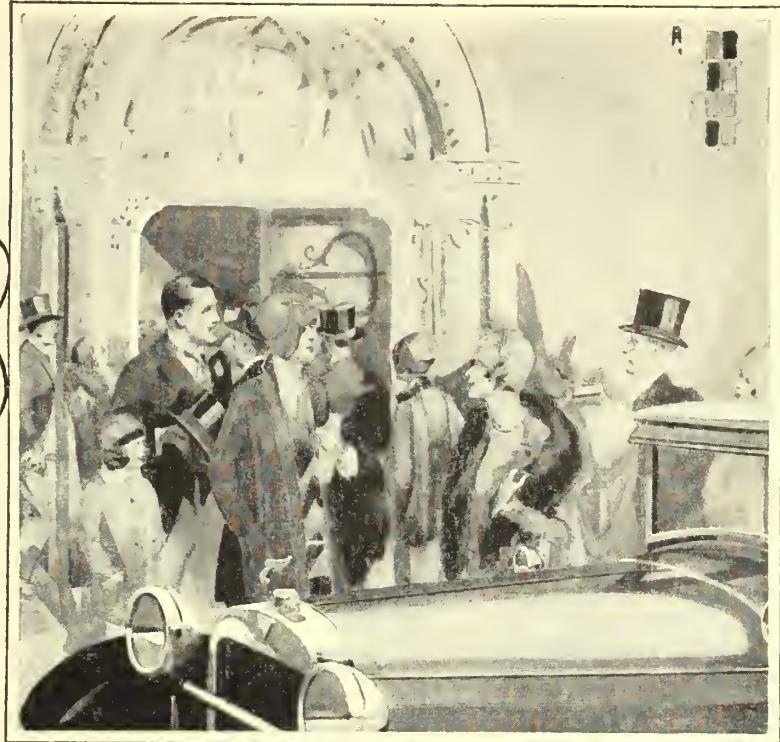
"I worked all that day and evening trying to get in touch with the guard at Cumberland without success and finally gave it up. Mother, however, insisted that we continue our efforts and late that night the Pennsylvania Railroad got in touch with their Altoona office from which it was learned that he was still alive. A friend and I immediately took a train for Cumberland and got there the next morning, where we found him with both legs amputated below the knees, but conscious and in good spirits.

"In the meantime all the Philadelphia papers reported his death as the first casualty from Philadelphia and there was a steady stream of friends offering condolences at our home. I stayed with him three weeks, by which time he was up in a wheel chair and paying visits all over the hospital.

"Later he was fitted with artificial legs and today gets around remarkably well. Nat is now a member of Tioga Post of the Legion in Philadelphia. There were four of us brothers in service but none of us got marked but him."

THIS tenth anniversary year of the big year of the war seems destined to be a boom year for reunions of the old outfits. Added to this boom, there has been a real revival of interest in veterans' organizations and several divisional associations have re-introduced wartime publications, including the Fourth Division's *Ivy Leaves*, the Third Division's *Watch on the Rhine*, and the Fifth Division's *The Red Diamond*.

Big things are being planned for the Rainbow Division Veterans' national convention which is scheduled to be held in Columbus, Ohio, on July 13th, 14th and 15th—the tenth anniversary of the Champagne Defensive—(Continued on page 73)



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RADIOLY SPEAKING

"What's the matter with you fellows?" demanded the division commander. "Didn't you get those orders I radioed to you?"

"Very sorry, sir, but we did not," retorted the regimental artillery commander. "It must have been while B Battery was being charged."

YOU CAN'T WIN

"I plead guilty to jay-walking, your honor," said the prisoner humbly.

"Well," the judge announced, "I'll let you go this once, but I have something to say to you. The next time you are tempted, young man, just stop and think of the fragile motor cars with their cargoes of women and children."

NO TIME TO QUARREL

A tough old egg was dying and his wife sent for a preacher. On his arrival the minister saw there was no hope, and said:

"You had better renounce the devil, my friend."

"Renounce the devil!" exclaimed the expiring sinner. "Listen, parson, I'm in no position to make any new enemies right now."

WHAM!

"I wonder whether Jack will love me when I'm old," wondered the wife to her very dearest girl friend.

"You'll know pretty soon now, dearie," assured the other.

SNAPPY TITLE

"I don't know whether this is a good story or not," said the new reporter, "but the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Universalists are asking funds for new church buildings."

"Fine!" exclaimed the city editor. "Write a column on it and we'll call it 'Sects Appeal'."

WHO SAID "EASY"?

A member of the State Hospital Commission was inspecting one of the institutions under his direction and paused before an exceptionally pathetic case.

"And who is this poor chap?" he asked. "Grade-crossing victim?"

"No," said the interne. "That's Harry Brown—works for the Jenks Furniture Company, collecting easy payments."

NO FAIR

Alice: "Why is Mayme so angry?"
Prue: "She had to walk back from a hiking trip."

DER TAG

"November 11, 1918!" ejaculated a plutocrat. "I guess the world will never forget that day!"

"I'll say they won't," agreed his friend gloomily. "It was just three days after that that the Government canceled our order for raincoats."

WORDS AND MUSIC

"Am I the first girl you ever kissed?" asked Her.

"I'll say you are!" replied Him, with enthusiasm.

"Yes," countered Her, "but am I?"

ORIGINAL SOMEWHERE

Timidly yet hopefully an aspiring author laid his contribution on an editor's desk. With a jaundiced eye the editor skimmed through the pages.

"Are you quite sure this is an original story?" he asked suspiciously.

"Yes, indeed!" responded the author. "All except the punctuation—I changed that in places."

THOU SHALT NOT SODA

First Pharmacist: "I've almost decided to quit this business of selling soft drinks."

Deuxieme Droguiste: "I'm with you there. It goes against my grain alcohol."

AFTER THE PARTY

On the morning after the big dance and barbecue of the African Sons and Daughters of the Grand Slam of Abyssinia, Mose was a little late for work, but his boss was a humane man.

"Mose," he said, "I passed you on the street last night. That was some job you had, trying to take home those two top-heavy friends."

"Was dey only two, boss?" asked Mose, in surprise. "Ah thought dey was four."

ON THE DOT

"I want a hat, but it must be in the latest style," announced Mrs. Van de Hoofus, as she entered the millinery shop.

"Kindly take a chair, madame, and wait a moment," said the clerk. "You are in the nick of time. The fashion is just changing."

TROUBLES OF DIOGENES

"I'm quitting," announced Diogenes. "The upkeep is too much nowadays."

"Why, what's the matter, dear?" inquired Mrs. D.

"Aw, these smart college boys keep swiping my lantern to use as a tail light when they're parking."

HO, HUM!

Blasé Youth: "Harold is rather unsophisticated, don't you think?"

Likewise Ennued Stripling: "Oh, very! Why, he still yawns as if he took pleasure in being bored."

LUNCHEONETTE

"Bring me ten ham sandwiches," ordered the soda counter patron.

"Yes, sir. Anything else, sir?"

"Yes—two pieces of bread to put them between."

THE QUALITY OF MERCY

"Did you kill the turkey gobbler for dinner tomorrow?" asked friend wife.

"No," the tender-hearted husband answered. "I went out there, but I thought it would be better if the poor fellow got a good night's rest first, because he's got such a hard day before him."

THE EXPERT

"What makes you think you are qualified for a position in the diplomatic corps?" demanded the examiner.

"Well," answered the applicant modestly, "I've been married twenty years and my wife still thinks that I have a sick friend."

TOO SLOW

Celeste: "I don't believe I could care for the best man on earth."

Barbara: "Me, either. I should think he'd be positively disgusting."

JUST BETWEEN US BUGS

"Believe me, buddy," announced the first cootie, "I'm fed up with hearin' this bird talk about his bein' a survivor of the Princess Pats."

"Why, have you got anything better to tell?" asked Cootie No. 2.

"Have I? Say! Out of 17,000 of us that went into one delouser, I was the only one to come out alive!"

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Masked Death

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the cone-shaped blossoms of the turkey beards showing like puffs of vapor against the green. Overhead a sparrow hawk with slate-blue head and red-brown back hovered twenty feet above the ground, his spread tail and vibrating wings holding him almost motionless in the air.

Then, as he caught sight of the moving shrew, the bird dropped like a stone and in another second swooped up again with the tiny beastling clutched in his curved claws.

"Kill, kill, kill," called the little hawk as he shot through the air toward a deserted flicker's hole in a black gum which he and his mate had adopted as their nest. There two downy fledglings looked up at him sleepily as he laid the shrew before them. They had just fed full on a pair of meadow mice which their mother had brought and paid no attention to the tiny motionless creature.

Although cut and bruised by the hawk's talons, the little animal was not badly hurt and with almost imperceptible movements it burrowed out of sight beneath the layer of chips and saw-dust with which the nest was floored.

Slowly the day faded until at last the violet dark flowed like a flood across the barrens. Then, as the full moon climbed the sky, the voices of the hylas sounded in the bogs like chimes of tiny silver bells. Down in the depths of the nest, as she brooded the young hawks, the mother bird felt something stir be-

neath her fierce breast and opened her eyes just in time to see a tiny figure slip from among her feathers and disappear over the edge of the hole.

Once outside and the shrew lay motionless for a moment in the shadow of a branch before venturing down the tree to the ground. Suddenly there sounded just above him high-pitched notes sharp and fine as a needle. Back and forth they thrilled in a strange elfin melody something like the twittering of a bird but infinitely sweeter and higher. At the sound of that love-song of his kind all the pain and hunger and danger of his life were to this smallest of God's creatures as if they had never been. In all the world to him there was nothing but the witchery of the full moon and the voice of spring that thrilled like fire through his veins. Raising his head he gave a clear, sweet call. In a second it was answered, a slim figure flashed along the branch above him and once again sounded the fairy melody that few human ears can ever hear. At the call he flashed up the tree and along one branch after another following the tiny stranger who so suddenly had come into his life, until at last she led him to a hidden knot-hole beneath a bent bough, lined with soft grasses and down, the end of his far journeyings and fierce fightings. For to him, as to all creatures great and small, had come the call and he had found at last a refuge and a home and—a mate.

Here's Luck!

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Military Police Arborsac indeed had little to fear. Did anyone present by any chance know the whereabouts of Sergeant Hammer at the moment?

Five eager informants volunteered information to the effect that at the moment Sergeant Hammer could no doubt be found in the house of the red-haired Algerian girl, enjoying strawberries and wine.

With that, stressing his limited vocabulary within an inch of its life, Spike managed to convey his sorrow at the necessity for his early departure. He climbed into the flivver and retraced his route until at the edge of Arborsac he stopped in front of the house wherein, with her mother, lived the red-haired Cleopatra.

After appropriate and heartfelt greetings had been exchanged, Spike inquired for the M. P. sergeant.

"Under the tree in the back garden the Sergeant Hammer is sitting, enjoying a glass of wine with his strawberries. Will you not join him?"

The answer was yes.

"Everything is all set for Sunday," Spike informed the congenial M. P. "The local stuff will keep everybody

busy until somewhere around four o'clock in the afternoon, and then the Alonzo Upfitter figures on pulling the trigger on his three-mile run. For the love of the double-jointed dog-robber don't miss your play when the cards drop for the big deal."

"I'll be Johnny-at-the-rathole with a short fuse lighted, old-timer," Sergeant Buck Hammer returned. "Give my regards to the Jugger when you see him and tell the packrat to hunt me up."

"I will . . . and listen, Buck, if we pull this drag under the wire on schedule, the Gang won't never forget how much they owe you."

"They don't owe me nothin'—I'm with 'em in the play from the starting gun till when the firin' squad shoots an echo. So long."

The pair shook hands, and in his flivver Spike Randall returned to camp where he reported at once to Isadog and Jugger.

"Everything's all set for the big play at Arborsac," he assured his fellow conspirators. "Is the Loot ridin' with us?"

"You bet your last clacker he is. The Loot's in this play up to his neck. That's one reason why nothin' can't go wrong."

If anything slips they might soak us ninety days at the outside, but they'd bust him."

"Not without lots of company—and you know what company I mean."

"Sure I do. Git to sleep, you black-hander—hit the hay. You'll need bokoo pep for the physical culture Alonzo aims to boon you with tomorrow."

THE physical culture roundup promoted by Alonzo Bluke was staged on a level field four miles south of the warehouse project. To this point rallied spectators and participants from the construction forces engaged on the work, and from a dozen nearby settlements.

Spontaneous crops of peddlers mingled with the throng, children got lost, the retail trade in romance reached a new level, and the high laughter of negro stevedores rang above their fellows' entreaties of encouragement directed toward somnolent sevens on galloping dominoes.

In and out of the scene, seemingly prominent at all four points of the compass, buzzed Alonzo Bluke. Cheering the winners, burbling heartfelt sympathy to the losers, Alonzo absorbed the spotlight, running the show until, fed up on frenzy, three-fourths of the spectators and nearly all of the participants had retired to engage in pleasanter occupations.

At four o'clock in the afternoon when the three-mile run was scheduled the gallery had dwindled to a few French people and a contingent of colored casualties who had lost their individual battles with Old Demon Rum.

"Ladies and gentlemen," Alonzo announced, "the final event will be the three-mile run, and this will conclude the day's festivities. In this event I will participate personally." To the Gang, grouped beside the telephone crew's two-ton truck on the seat of which sat Spike and Chuck, "All ready, fellows, for the cross-country run!"

Alonzo began to divest himself of his raiment. Off came his leather belt and his blouse and presently, continuing his disrobing process, Alonzo stood forth in a cotton union suit which at once afforded leg action and an appropriate screen of modesty between Alonzo's anatomy and a gaping world.

"Fall in and march past the artist!"

"Git your numbers painted on you."

"Git branded, slaves."

In single file, after hats and shirts, overalls and shoes had been stowed in the two-ton truck, the Gang marched past Old Pop Sibley, who, wielding a paint brush, branded the backs of their undershirts with winning numbers.

"Save that thirteen for Isadog."

"Give me a 7-11, Pop."

"Stick a 23 on me. I aim to go some."

Playing the game and radiating sweetness, Alonzo the Uplifter took his place in the line.

"Aw, don't paint Mister Bluke's shirt. Don't spoil his underwear."

"Yes indeed, fellows," Alonzo protested. "I am one of you—I insist."

In a loud voice up spoke Isadog. "Mister Bluke (Continued on page 48)

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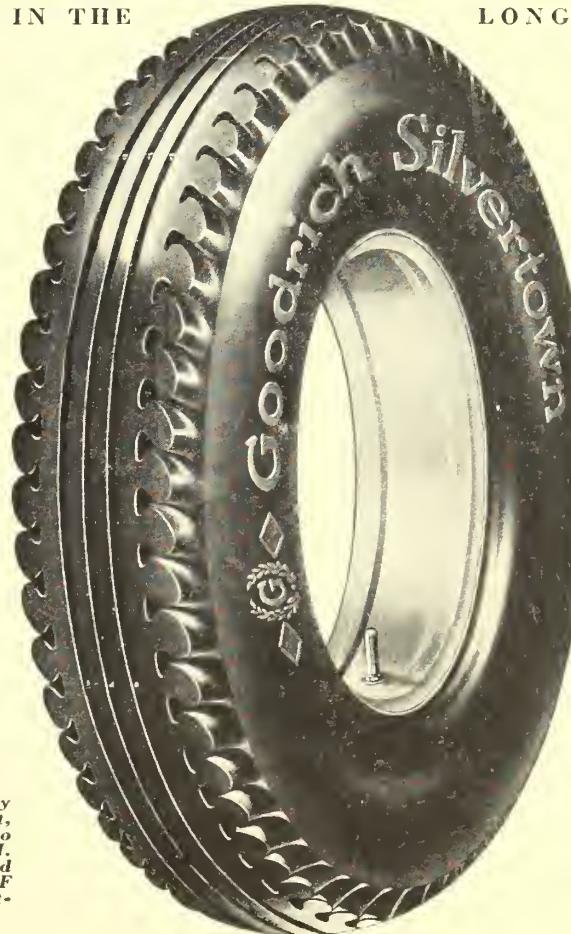
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Here's Luck!

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ain't one of us common rabble. He's a participating guest. Give him something special."

"I kain't spell 'participating'." Old Pop Sibley paused with his dripping brush arrested in its dive toward Alonzo's back.

"P. G. stands for participating guest—paint P. G. on Mister Bluke, and let it go at that."

"That will do nicely." Alonzo smiled his approval and submitted to the branding process, writhing slightly under the sting of the turpentine in the thin paint. The Uplifter took his place in the line and waited for the gun.

"All ready, Loot—let 'er go!" Nervous impatience marked the speaker's words as the Loot limbered up a .45.

Bang! Paced by Alonzo Bluke, the field strung out in its three-mile gallop toward Arborsac. When the runners were half a mile away Spike, on the front seat of the two-ton truck, nodded to Chuck. "Let's go," he said. "Take it easy. We don't want to run 'em down."

For the favored spectators clustered around the arena, Alonzo put on a burst of speed as a farewell exhibition of his ability and then, leading the field, he disappeared over the brow of a low hill.

Keen-eyed observers noted that on the up-grade leading to the summit of the next hill Alonzo was leading all competitors by several hundred yards. Then around a curve in the road the Uplifter and his straggling followers passed onward in their flight toward the good, the true, the beautiful.

When half of the race had been run, still holding himself down to a gait which he figured was well within the powers of the Gang to emulate, Alonzo looked back along a hundred-yard stretch of the course in an effort to observe the status of his competitors, but none of the Gang were in sight. For a moment the Uplifter contemplated slackening his pace until the lagging runners could come up with him, but abruptly he changed his mind.

His attention was suddenly attracted by a wild burst of threatening language which came from an excited group of Senegalese negroes clad in the cloth of those savage French colonials.

From where they had been lounging in the shade of a roadside tree half a dozen excited blacks leaped toward Alonzo, and something in their manner conveyed to him the thought of danger. Some sinister menace marked the actions of the Senegalese!

Alonzo shifted to high.

A second later, when three of the group came toward him at a gallop, his foreboding was confirmed because, flashing in the swinging hand of the leading negro there gleamed the long blade of a knife.

Alonzo remembered current rumors conveying the characteristics of the fighters who threatened him. Enthusiastic

addicts of the bayonet! Notably adverse to hampering their activities with prisoners! Killers and fanatics in their bloodthirsty devotion to cold steel!

Alonzo craved solitude, but solitude seemed mighty scarce. Escape was cut off. The clutching hand of the leading Senegalese closed on a clammy fold of the Uplifter's costume.

A babble of guttural French lifted from the panting ring of perspiring assassins about Alonzo while, shuddering until his protruding kneecaps clattered in cadence with his chattering teeth, he culled his vocabulary in search of a prayer in Senegalese.

The knife in the hand of the violent African made a quick slash through the upper section of Alonzo's raiment. A second later, on the shredded section of the union suit worn by the Participating Guest Alonzo read the mute evidence which had inspired the frantic Senegalese to this enjoyable atrocity. "P. G." —not "Participating Guest" but, as the leader of the Senegalese growled in his rage, "Prisonnier de Guerre! Boche!"

"Mort au Boche!"

"Mort, mort"—the word had a familiar sound. . . . Sure enough, mort was the equal of sudden death . . .

Sunny France turned black for an instant in Alonzo's eyes. His brain reeled under the impact of the babble about him; and then toward one narrow avenue of escape, galvanized by fear, the Uplifter leaped in a kangaroo jump that gave him a twenty-foot lead on the murderous Senegalese.

Parting from his captors he left another ripping section of his costume in their leader's grasp, but what were details at a time like this? Onward he sped away from his brutal, bellowing pursuers until, nearing the sanctuary of Arborsac, he realized that he had been spared miraculously for further labors in the Vineyard.

Behind him, after a false start, the Senegalese sidetracked in a body and halted under a roadside tree where, removing their outer raiment, they stood revealed as members of the stevedore battalion from the warehouse project.

"Dat boy sho' done noble wid dem hind laigs of hisn," one of the panting participants in the little drama exulted, storing his Senegalese raiment into a canvas sack which had been brought along to serve as a wardrobe chest.

"Seems like us done middlin' noble, too, big boy," one of his companions returned. "Ol' Sahgunt Kinsey gwine to be mighty pleased wid de way his li'l Senegalese niggers won de battle wid dat white boy. Chances is he boons you with a Bo'deaux pass whenevuh you craves it f'm now on. Tie up dat sack—heah comes de truck."

A more immediate reward fell to the faithful stevedore detachment when, after reporting their progress and their success to Spike Randall, seated beside Chuck on the two-ton truck, a shower

of francs fell in their midst out of the hands of a dozen members of the Gang who were housed in the canvas cover above the bed of the vehicle.

Answering Isadog's inquiry, "Yas suh, dat white boy kep' runnin'," one of the Senegalese replied.

"Does he keep goin' like he started, he gwine to be in Memphis by midnight," another one added.

"Fair enough. The rest of the play is up to Cleopatra and Buck Hammer," another member of the Gang observed. "Let's get the hell out of here and get an alibi built up. Step on 'er, Chuck!"

Leaving the route of the three-mile run, riding the two-ton truck driven by Chuck, the runners in the race busied themselves with the business of dressing en route to Libourne and its pleasing pastures of recuperation where the fatigue of a false start could be eradicated from the human system by judicious internal applications of various beverages.

The Gang, withdrawn in a body from the cross-country race, abandoned pursuit of the galloping Alonzo, but following the athlete's escape from the savage Senegalese it seemed that Old Man Trouble sprained a wrist in dealing Alonzo another card from the stacked deck of fate.

Human habitations, civilization, sanctuary from peril—Arborsac meant this to the flying Alonzo. To dive into the first friendly house he came to, there to engage the sympathy of some French Samaritan—sweet was the contemplated nectar of safety!

Alonzo checked his course abruptly at the open door of the first house he came to. He dived into the door. "Bonjour!" he said weakly, directing his salutation into the silent house.

A wild scream answered him, and this first alarm was echoed by a succession of wilder screams which burst from the parted lips of a frantic young woman with red hair and robust lungs.

Alonzo glanced down at the remaining fragments of his costume.

"My dear Madam—" he began. His words seemed to have calmed the startled Cleopatra, but this was a false hope, for the red-haired one burst forth with a new emotion which found expression in convulsive sobs.

"Mon Dieu, mon cheery!" Alonzo continued, extending his hand toward the frantic girl in an effort to calm her, "Mon—"

"What the hell!" A deep bass voice interrupted the scene and against the light of the open doorway behind him Alonzo the Uplifter saw the silhouette of Sergeant Buck Hammer. "What's goin' on here!"

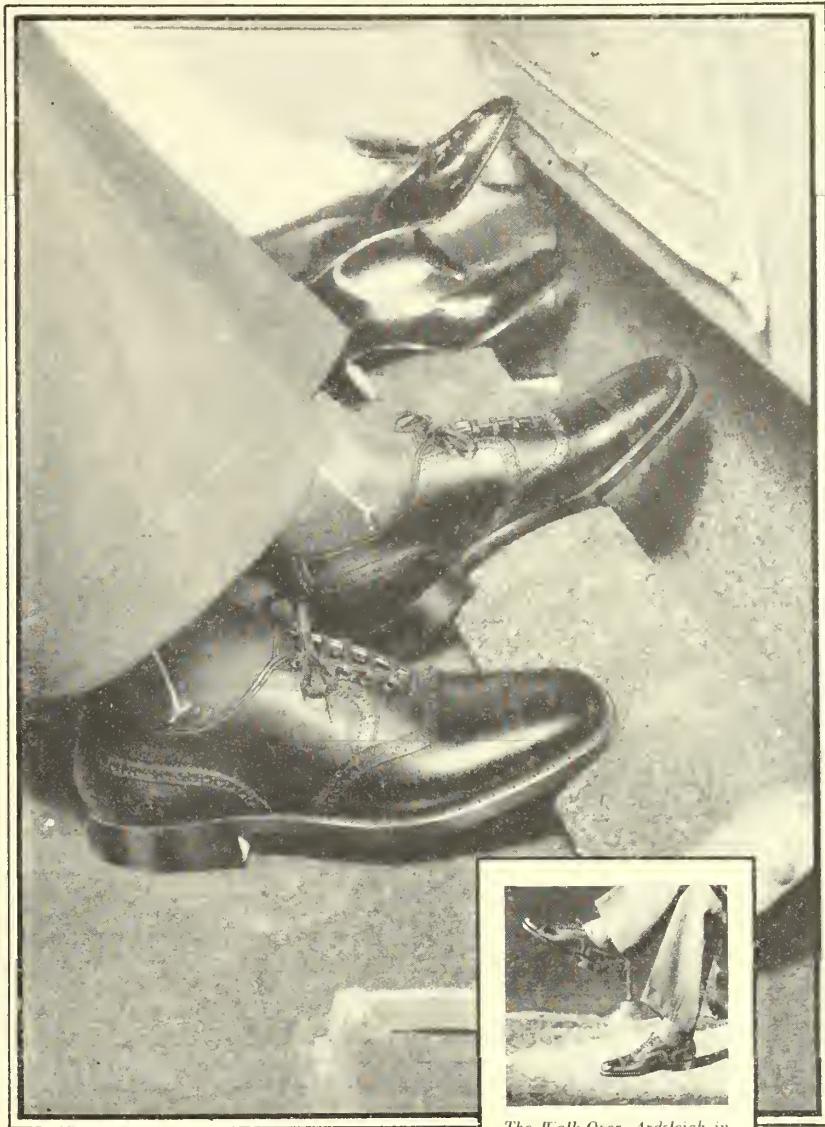
The calloused hand of Sergeant Hammer closed around the Uplifter's neck.

"Mon Dieu!" the captive gasped. "Do you parley English?"

"Come along, wild man—the judge will parley bokoo English for you. Shut up before I slap you! Runnin' around naked breakin' into ladies' houses—Shut up! Don't answer me back . . ."

Sergeant Buck Hammer marched his prisoner out of (Continued on page 50)

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Here's Luck!

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the house and along the main street of Arborsac to the central square of the town. A group of chattering villagers had accumulated along the route. "It is true that the sergeant has captured a crazy man?"

"Of a certainty—regard, if you please, the abbreviated costume which none but a crazy man wears."

"That is possible; but alas, could not this shameless man have been surprised at some rendezvous with a lady, so to speak?"

Ah yes, such might be the case!

"Let us, then, fling a bombardment of mud at this animal."

By no means—the brave sergeant of the Military Police would arrange all details of the execution.

Sergeant Buck Hammer indeed had the situation well in hand. "Ravin' about this and that and the other thing," he reported to his relief at six o'clock. "I'm gonna take him to Bordeaux in the sidecar and lock him up before he gets any worse. He's good for twenty years in jail, as near as I can see—that

is if he misses the firin' squad."

Cut to the cold details of circumstantial evidence, the sergeant's report covering the last chapter of the Uplifter's activities inspired a brief command from heavyweight military authority. "More to be pitied than censured, no doubt—but request his dismissal through the proper authorities of his organization and ship him to the United States. 'Temperamentally unfit'—too damn many of 'em buzzing around here anyhow."

Some days later, along with the evening mail, a courier from Bordeaux relayed an item of information to the Gang. "One of them field clerks down at Headquarters told me your Uplifter athlete got the skids put under him."

Gazing sadly at the courier over the steel rim of his spectacles, Old Pop Sibley answered for the Gang. "Sonny," he said, "Alonzo is gone but not forgotten. He aimed noble to uplift us, but mebbe his last ca'tridge missed fire. Leave us groan our woe, Rabble, f'r his like will ne'er be seen again."

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Unknown Birthdays

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popularity of their respective birthdays. In any event nothing was left to the Hindenburg imagination later in that same year.

For Hunter Liggett suddenly appears in another critical moment of the war. And he appears this time not at the head of a corps but in personal command of an army of 1,031,000 men. Three American corps and two French corps now make up the Liggett thunderbolt. And the Americans no longer are at bay. They are attacking. Berlin, not Paris, is the menaced capital.

In actual length—sixty-three kilometers—the front of Liggett's First Army when he pinned on his third star as a lieutenant general and took command October 16, 1918, was a little more than one-seventh of the active Western front. But against this dauntless attacking mass von Hindenburg hurled a fourth of the whole Teuton arms in the west in an effort to save himself. The American Army continued determinedly on until the white flag was hoisted and von Hindenburg led the broken remnant of his defeated armies back home, there to take his place as the popular idol of ten years later.

Other German war lords have met some measure of the popular acclaim accorded von Hindenburg. In fact the whole galaxy of Teuton super vons have fared exceedingly well in matter of national popularity. Von Ludendorff, known in war times as the brains of the German armies, stirs up a commotion regularly each year by having a birth-

day. Von Mackensen, the one whose familiar picture gives you a shiver at mere thought of meeting him at inspection with improperly be-dubbed field shoes, has consumed a lot of movie film recording his comings and goings since the war. Von Kluck is a name that looms large in German history despite the first Marne, where he exercised command of a group of armies. Then there is von Mudra, whose name is known in every German household notwithstanding his contribution to the great Teuton military disaster. Truly the Germans are a very forgiving or else a very appreciative people. Or both.

Take the equivalent names of great American leaders. Who has heard of their great achievements in the field, aside from the men who served under their immediate commands? It would be interesting to note the results of an American national quiz on the questions: With what great American undertaking is the name of Hunter Liggett identified? In the service of what nation did Lieutenant General Robert L. Bullard command an army in the World War? Is Major General Joseph T. Dickman living today? In what war did Major General Charles P. Summerall command a fighting corps comprising more than one hundred thousand Americans? Who is John L. Hines and in what profession has he performed distinguished services for his country?

In those questions are named America's outstanding battle leaders as accredited officially by the Commander-in-

Chief of the A. E. F. in his final report of the overseas achievement. Try the list on your neighbor who was not in the war. Then try the German equivalent leaders. Perhaps the hard-boiled censorship is partly to blame. Perhaps the natural apathy of too many Americans toward their national defense. Or perhaps it is merely another sidelight on the ingratitude for which republics are so widely celebrated.

General Bullard, the second man on the list of our practically unknown leaders, was grooming an army for a desperate venture when the Armistice fortunately intervened. His Second American Army had the job before it of reducing the Prussian stronghold of Metz. That great battle, had the war gone on into the winter of 1918-19, would have brought home to America as never before the crimson horror of the conflict overseas. It would have stripped the camps of the United States of all organized and partially trained regiments. Losses, in American casualties alone, might have reached not far from the half-million point—more than twice the total casualties sustained by us up to the day the war ended.

But General Bullard's military record overseas is not confined to what might have been. He was in command at Cantigny. There are those who like to lift their military eyebrows in superior fashion at mention of Cantigny as an important battle. Nevertheless it was Cantigny that gave the Allies their first stimulating insight into American fighting qualities when our troops met the Prussian shock regiments, fought them shoulder to shoulder—and whipped them. As a result of Cantigny General Bullard was given the Third Army Corps immediately following the success of the First Corps on the Marne. He commanded this corps through the hard initial attacks in the Meuse-Argonne until relieved to get the Second Army ready for the Metz party.

Almost simultaneously with the von Hindenburg anniversary in October, two of the American war leaders also drew headlines in their own country. An eleven-line dispatch informed the nation of the death of Major General Joseph T. Dickman. Few newspapers elaborated upon the terse announcement that he had commanded the Third Army on the Rhine. Or that he had commanded the immortal Third Division in front of Château-Thierry where his troops, "the Rock of the Marne," as the French described them, stood the brunt of the heavy fighting and brought a thrill to the world by their matchless heroism. His conspicuous service as commander of the First Corps all through the Meuse-Argonne elicited no comment at the time of his passing.

Very shortly after that a flurry was caused nationally by the report of Major General Summerall's sudden recall by the President from an inspection tour of the Pacific Coast. The reason given for the recall was that General Summerall, as Chief of Staff of the Army, had publicly deplored the wretched housing conditions (*Continued on page 52*)

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Their place in American history, of course, is secure. When the calm history of American participation in the World War is written, free of restraining influences, prejudice, fear or favor, our now unknown World War Commanders will become known with Grant and Sherman, Sheridan, Lee and Jackson. Coming generations will learn of their achievement, estimate and acclaim at something of its true worth the service they performed for their country, and perpetuate their memory. Perhaps, too, such dates as March 21st will come to have some significance as the birthday of the man who commanded our greatest American army in battle—General Hunter Liggett.

Some one, several years after the war, discovered in holy horror that General Liggett's national reception upon his arrival home from the front had consisted in the stripping off of one of his three stars. The matter was taken up indignantly with Congress. Our national lawmakers were asked to return to the general his rank of lieutenant general to carry with him into retirement.

That was at a time when the masses of returning war veterans were busy with the problem of getting back to work—or helping find work for their nine hundred thousand less fortunate buddies who, in 1921, were still walking the streets looking for elusive jobs from grateful employers. Otherwise the Liggett movement might have gained greater support. As it was, some politician in Congress stood up to offer an amendment to the bill for restoration of the Liggett rank. He wanted another name or two added. That gave the happy thought to another politician who had a local favorite for promotion. A regular avalanche of proposed riders to the Liggett bill poured in. General Liggett's friends suggested that each case be considered on its merits. But the outcome of it all was that the matter went on the table with a Congressional yawn—and there the matter slumbers to this day.

Having made such a felicitous occasion of it in 1927, no doubt the appreciative German people will start early this year with a movement for bigger and better von Hindenburg birthday parties. With the experience of 1927 to guide him, von Hindenburg will be able to make proper provision for adequate housing of his mountain of gifts.

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Private John Smith

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to be said. But the colonel said it.

"Canned goods!" he repeated.

"Yes, sir," Captain Dakin answered stoutly. He flushed. He saw the adjutant smiling. The adjutant knew that the junior officers called him Soup.

"Canned goods!" Colonel Blunt persisted. "On the road. How long ago? Two years? One year. One year, sir!" He addressed the assistant chief of staff. "And now you expect him to lead two hundred and fifty men in action? Why, that was a battalion on the border, a whole battalion, sir, two hundred and fifty men. Good men. Our squadron, with forty miles of river to patrol, had only two hundred and sixty. And eleven officers, every one of them with four years of academy training. Good officers. And here's Captain Dakin selling beans on the road a year ago . . . no offense, Captain, no offense. It takes years, sir, to make soldiers. Years!"

Captain Dakin was thinking of Private James Hires, who didn't know his general orders.

"If it takes years, then you're a lax commanding officer," the assistant chief of staff said.

"I? Lax?" Colonel Blunt leaped from his chair, sputtering. "Lax, sir? Why, that's an insult, sir, an insult! I'm the strictest officer on this ship, the very strictest! Am I to blame because half the men try to pull a trigger with their thumbs?" He swung nervously on Captain Dakin. "Captain, how many men in your company came aboard ship without a uniform?"

"Seventy, sir."

"Seventy! And you say I'm lax, Colonel Wellington?"

"Oh, no. Not you in particular." The assistant chief of staff spoke with withering indifference. "I was merely expressing a generality. You're all too lax, all you men who've been loafing around for years in comfortable garrisons. . . ."

"Comfortable garrisons?" Colonel Blunt's face was red. "Comfortable? Maybe you mean a 'dobe shack with snakes in the roof. . . ."

"All too lenient," Colonel Wellington continued suavely. "I see it every day."

The adjutant arose uneasily.

"If the colonel will excuse me," he said.

"Certainly. Certainly," Colonel Blunt answered. He cleared his throat angrily. "I still consider it an insult, sir . . ."

Colonel Wellington laughed.

"Oh, no." He refused to apologize. "No insult to you. A favor to me instead. If your adjutant will be good enough to stop in my stateroom . . . this vessel's outrageous tonight. You'll find a bottle under my pillow. . . ."

"Yes, sir," the adjutant responded promptly, "I'll bring it at once."

"Four glasses and a siphon," Colonel Wellington directed the smoking-room steward.

Captain Dakin refused the drink.

"I'd rather not," he said stiffly.

His colonel paused, the glass halfway to his lips. He grunted audibly, looked suspiciously at the captain.

"Teetotaler?" Colonel Wellington demanded.

"No, sir."

"It's good whisky."

"Yes, sir."

"Then may I ask . . ." the assistant chief of staff paused significantly.

"Yes, sir. It's against regulations."

"Against regulations?" Colonel Wellington set down his drink and stared disapprovingly at the younger officer. Then he smiled. "You're very punctilious." He turned to Colonel Blunt. "Are all the officers in your regiment impertinent, sir? If so, it's more proof of laxity."

Colonel Blunt choked. He gulped down his last swallow, choked again. "If the man don't want a drink, sir," he sputtered, "if he don't want a drink . . ." he stopped, searching wildly for words.

"He's an undisciplined cub," the assistant chief of staff growled. He sauntered across the room and through the curtained entry.

Colonel Blunt banged down his glass. It broke resoundingly under the blow. He dashed the pieces from the table to the floor.

"Get out, Captain!" he screamed. "Out! Go see what your damned worthless guard's doing now! D' hear me? Get out! Lax, eh?" He ran his hands distractedly through his white hair. "Have you no sense at all, Dakin? Refuse a staff officer's drink? Lax, eh?" He rushed out of sight through the curtain.

"Oh, Lord!" Captain Dakin remarked.

IT WAS sickening below decks. He opened the iron door to the fireroom and passed along the blistering alley between two boilers. At its end he thrust his baked head through an opening into a dark, evil-smelling area where the grumble of water against the sides emphasized the pitch of the ship. He pressed the button of his flashlight. A soldier sprawled limply against the bulkhead, beside a thick door with a lock like the handle of a butcher's ice box.

"All right, Moore?"

"Sick, sir."

"So's everybody. What are your orders?"

"Shut this door if anything happens. Explosion or anything."

"Then what?"

"Stick by it, sir. Don't let nobody open it."

"That's it. You'll soon be relieved. Fight it out."

He sought the next watertight compartment door, and the next. Darkness, the tumbling of the ship, the sickening odor, dizziness confused him. He went by long detours. Twenty minutes passed.

All was well with the guard below decks. He staggered up the companion toward his quarters. Hard work those men down there had . . . guard duty two hours at a time, then sleep and eat in the same smell. They were ready for mutiny, and you couldn't blame them. He climbed to the deck to clear his head.

The adjutant, half undressed, was running along the promenade.

"Old man wants you, Dakin!" he cried. "Double time!"

Captain Dakin ran, his service pistol pounding his thigh with each step. He trod the frightened adjutant's heels at the smoking-room door. Colonel Blunt danced in the opening, its curtain wide. The assistant chief of staff, as calm as ever, was pointing upward. He wore a wet raincoat over his whipcord blouse, indicating that he, too, had just come from above.

"Make example of this one!" Dakin heard.

"You, Dakin?" Colonel Blunt cried. "You . . ." he gasped for breath. "Officer of the day!"

"Yes, sir."

"You made the rounds of all posts?"

"Yes, sir."

"Marconi deck?"

"Yes, sir."

"Come!" The command was brittle. "Adjutant, send the corporal of the guard!"

Out upon the dark, heaving deck, the maddened winds of the north Atlantic lashed across the upperworkings of the troop ship. Colonel Blunt ran toward the stern, a mincing, cavalry pace in his feet. The vessel plunged just as he gripped the ladder. He swayed, held firm, and clawed upward. Colonel Wellington followed deliberately. There was a sign of triumph in his manner. Captain Dakin climbed third.

No challenge met them. The Marconi deck, twenty feet by twenty, pitched and tumbled silently in unprotected blackness.

"Where's he now?" the colonel cried.

"Halt!" bade a weak voice that Captain Dakin recognized. "Who's it there?"

"Commanding officer! Put that gun down!"

"Get to hell off'n here," ordered Private James Hires.

The colonel swung fiercely on Captain Dakin.

"He was asleep!" he shouted. "Asleep on post! And now he's insolent!"

The moving black shadow reeled, gripped the rail for support.

"What's the matter, Hires?" Captain Dakin cried.

"Asleep, I tell you!" the colonel screamed.

"That's a damned lie," answered the shadow. It moved closer. "I ain't been asleep. I'm sick. Ask the captain!"

The corporal of the guard climbed up breathlessly.

"Place this sentry under arrest, Corporal!" Colonel Blunt demanded. "Take his arms. Under arrest, you hear? Bring him down, Captain! He's your man! I'll show you now what discipline means! Stay here, Corporal, captain'll send relief!" (Continued on page 56)



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Private John Smith

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He climbed swiftly down the ladder. He was trotting when he reached the first curtain to the smoking-room. He yanked it open, again heedless of lights. The steward stood in the middle of the floor, a dustpan of broken glass in one hand, a broom in the other.

"Get out!" Colonel Blunt ordered him.

He dragged Private Hires into the room. The sentry's face showed white under the center cluster of lights. His eyes blinded after the blackness of the deck. He lifted one hand spasmodically, tried to reach the nearest chair.

"Stand at attention!" Colonel Blunt commanded.

"Man didn't challenge me at all," the assistant chief of staff said. He lighted a cigarette coolly, looked askance over the match at Private Hires. "Just happened I went up to Marconi deck. Walked all around. This fellow was leaning against the rail. Sound asleep."

"I was sick!" Hires cried.

"Sick now?"

"Near dead!"

"Anybody ever teach you to say 'sir'?"

"Yes, sir. The corp'r'l."

"Might try it now and then." The assistant chief of staff turned to the colonel. "Chance for some discipline, Colonel."

With that he walked into the corridor, still smoking his cigarette. Colonel Blunt stared apoplectically after him. He gasped once, mouth open, and then words shot out. "Asleep! Asleep on post! Marconi deck of all places! And a staff officer discovers him! Fine mark for the regiment. Anything to say, Captain Dakin? This the way you train men? This the way . . . ?"

"He's been five weeks in the army, sir."

"Long enough to learn not to sleep on post. Enemies all about, submarines, spies, God knows what all! Mid-Atlantic! Half of us can't swim, water like ice, and he goes to sleep! I'll try him, sir, try him! Call a court soon as we land! Asleep on post! Understand what that means?" He whirled on Private Hires. "You'll be shot, I tell you, shot at sunrise!"

"No!" Captain Dakin cried.

The colonel's rage chilled. His teeth snapped together and he looked contemptuously from the shrinking Private Hires to the commander of Company E.

"Are you trying to tell me Army regulations, Captain? Ah, I didn't think so. Pick him up, what's he falling down for? Put him under guard." Private Hires, whose birthday it was, lay face downward on the thick green smoking-room carpet. His shoulders moved convulsively once. "He'll be shot!" Colonel Blunt cried again. "Good discipline! Good for the whole regiment! Make 'em think! War's a serious business, Captain!" He rushed, muttering, from the room. "Lax, eh?"

Once each day in the three thereafter, the commander of Company E requested permission of the adjutant to speak to the colonel. He had mounted each time from an airless compartment deep down in the ship, where Private James Hires lay on the floor. The man had recovered from seasickness. Something worse troubled him now, fear and the torment of waiting. Outside his door a soldier stood guard, a sergeant, equipped with loaded rifle and fixed bayonet.

Each time, to each of Captain Dakin's anxious suggestions, Colonel Blunt shouted "No!"

The captain was very patient. He mentioned regularly the soldier's length of service and the name of a county in North Dakota that didn't have a railroad. And always: "He was sick, sir. Never saw water before in his life."

On the third day Colonel Blunt gasped angrily, threw down his pen and rose to his feet.

"I'll court-martial you, too, Dakin!"

"Yes, sir. I wish you would, sir!"

"You do, eh? I'll have a court for you both soon as we reach Liverpool! Your man'll be shot, sir! Talk of discipline! We'll have it, now on. Who was it refused a glass of Scotch? You, sir! Said it was against regulations!"

"It was, sir."

"Was? All right. Go read the regulations. See if they say anything about sleeping on post!"

He waved the officer out of headquarters.

In the first sergeant's third-class stateroom, where he had no business to be, except on official inspection, Captain Dakin sat down sickly on the bunk and clenched and unclenched his hands. He didn't have much imagination; didn't need much to see Private James Hires' weak face. See it constantly. And his eyes. Blinking all the time, as if they were watching the seven poised rifles of a firing squad. And his voice. So damned reminiscent of deep woods . . . too high and a little squeaky now, like a rabbit's . . . like a rabbit full of buckshot . . .

"Oh, Lord!" he muttered.

THERE was bustle as the ship turned into the Mersey. Liverpool smoked on both banks. Company commanders, passenger lists in hand, were checking their personnel.

"You're to send twenty-five men ashore for labor detail in England," the colonel's adjutant instructed Captain Dakin. "Verbal orders of the commanding officer. Won't ever rejoin the regiment. Have their service records ready and make a check on their property. They'll go over in a lighter soon as we dock."

"Twenty-five?" Captain Dakin asked. "Any twenty-five?"

"Huskies. Needn't be good soldiers."

Captain Dakin walked away stiffly.

His first sergeant and company clerk were waiting sullenly in his quarters. He knew from their faces how they had been talking; talking about Hires. The whole company was mutinous. Good example? Discipline? Dakin laughed. "A blank service record form, please, Sergeant," he said briskly, "and Sergeant, what's the commonest name in the world?"

"Commonest? I don't know, sir."

"John Smith, maybe?"

"Yes, sir. I'd say so, sir."

The captain sat down at the wash-stand.

"You've Hires' service record handy?"

"Yes, sir. Right here, sir."

The captain examined it briefly. Then he spread it out beside the blank and for a few minutes transcribed facts. When the new one was filled, he blotted it carefully, folded it twice, and handed it to the first sergeant.

"This is Private John Smith's record," he advised. "He's to go on labor detail with twenty-five other men . . . you pick 'em, Sergeant. Twenty-five. Right away. Men you want to kiss good-bye. Never'll see them again, the adjutant tells me. They're to stay in England. Twenty-five and Smith. Needn't mention him on the muster rolls. Turn his records over to the non-com who takes the detail. We'll be in France in three days, the rest of us."

"I don't understand, sir."

"That's the hell of war, Sergeant. None of us understand."

"But there ain't no Private Smith. None in our company. C's got a barber named Smith . . ."

"I'll produce our Smith," the captain answered.

Ten minutes later (just as Colonel Wellington, who for some reason dreaded to land, had remarked piously to Colonel Blunt that he hoped every man in the American Army would go into battle with love in his heart), Captain Dakin, commanding officer of Company E, slipped out of an airless compartment deep in the ship and for a moment talked quietly to the sergeant on guard.

The sergeant listened respectfully. His reserve broke, when the captain was gone, and he pounded uproariously on the thick iron door.

"Hey, you in there!" he shouted.

The pale face of the prisoner pushed out of the darkness. He was thinner than he had been a week before.

"What's your name?" the sergeant boomed.

"Private John Smith," the weak voice answered.

"You're dam' right," the sergeant agreed, "Private John Smith, and don't you forget it! I'm glad to meet you, Private Smith. You're going on labor detail. Move quick now, and write your maw you got a good skipper!"

Tugs warped the troop ship into her berth. Captain Dakin, standing by the rail, twice counted the heads in the lighter that was pulling ashore. Twenty-six, all in new overseas caps. Correct. He turned along the deck, hurried down the main companionway and disappeared.

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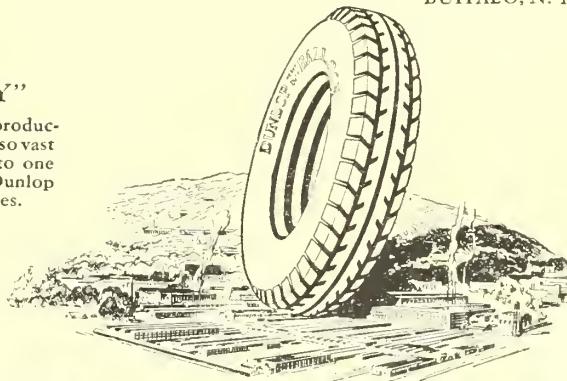
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Private John Smith

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Three minutes later he was back, running. The colonel and the assistant chief of staff were having a last argument in the smoking-room. Everything was ready for debarkation. Only, the ship's officers explained, it would be two hours, or three, before that process began. The chief of staff was setting down a bottle.

"Oh, you!" he said, when he saw Dakin. He turned his back pointedly. "Lucky this Scotch lasted the whole trip," he remarked, "cold water makes me sick, steady diet. Drink, Colonel?"

"Sir!" it was Captain Dakin. "The prisoner's gone!"

"Eh? You mean Hires?" Colonel Blunt leaped to his feet. "Hires? Escaped?"

"The sergeant just looked in! Hadn't heard him for two hours! He's gone . . ."

"Gone? Why, the man's to be shot! He mustn't get away! You're lax, Dakin, lax . . ."

"I've investigated, sir. There's a loose

plate in the floor. And a porthole open. If you wish to come down, both of you . . ." He paused politely.

"Down there? In that stench?" Colonel Wellington grunted.

"Hunt him!" Colonel Blunt ordered. "Rouse the crew! Why, he's an example, Dakin, he mustn't get away! Couldn't! Unless . . ." he looked fixedly at his captain. His mouth fell open of its own accord. He snapped it shut. "Sergeant let him go?"

"No, sir! Oh, no, sir!" The captain's voice was positive.

"He jumped," guessed the assistant chief of staff. "Good riddance."

Captain Dakin emerged on the sunny deck, whistling quietly, his shoulders very straight. His first sergeant, who awaited him, nodded once and pointed shoreward. Private John Smith and a detail of twenty-five were debarking from a lighter.

"List Hires as missing at sea, Sergeant," Captain Dakin directed.

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looked to us like genius. Penmanship, needlecraft, drawing, painting—she was master of them all—and very generous with them. Her art work in the class records lifted those amateur efforts to the professional class in appearance. Her ability to accomplish successfully these tasks—or any others—under pressure amazed us. . . . She could do in a short time, and win the coveted high marks, too, any amount of work which we had been laboring over interminably. Her mind was unusually keen and her judgments for the most part were more mature than ours. . . . She had dignity and poise above the average."

When the story of the McIntyre sisters' behavior under fire was cabled back to this country in the spring of 1918 newspaper editors realized the news value of the "Doughnut Sisters" as the two girls came to be called, and kept after their correspondents on the various portions of the front visited by the girls to send more stories about them. As a consequence thousands of words were cabled to this country. The correspondents were of course not allowed to send back news of identifiable units in the Army, and only on rare occasions could they mention names. But here were two young American girls displaying in an advanced sector the sort of initiative and pluck that we like to consider typically American—and the censor could see no reason for deleting their names.

A correspondent for one of the largest of the press associations told me the other day that another reason why the McIntyres got into the news so frequently in those stirring days was that

they were so unaffectedly on the job all the time.

"They didn't try to impress on any of us the fact that they were doing a wonderful job," he said. "In fact they didn't talk about their work. And because of that spirit of self effacement they 'sold' us on the Salvation Army, besides winning from all of us—soldiers and correspondents—all sorts of admiration for them personally."

The behavior of these girls under fire won for their organization the esteem and affection of the entire country. That esteem and affection were deserved. The Salvation Army did a grand job with limited facilities at its disposal.

Right here it might not be out of order to say that in addition to the service of the two McIntyre girls and their father, who also engaged in war work with the Salvation Army, the family had representatives in the Army and Navy. Clifford McIntyre, a student at Yale University, became commanding officer of navigation at Pelham Bay Park, New York, and later assistant recruiting inspector for the Naval Department of the East, with the grade of lieutenant. Richmond McIntyre, hardly seventeen years of age, accompanied his sisters to the pier when they sailed for the war zone and then got aboard a train for Fort Slocum, New York, where he convinced recruiting officers that he was old enough to join a medical detachment of the Army.

Mrs. Walbridge was born in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, where her father and mother were engaged in Salvation Army work. Her grandparents on both sides

came from Inverness in the Highlands of Scotland. During her babyhood her father was carrying on welfare work in Labrador among the fishermen, on the Banks, where he came in contact with the early efforts of the later-to-become-famous missionary, Dr. Grenfell, and in Newfoundland. It was pioneer work and the efforts told on Mr. McIntyre's health, so that it was necessary for him to go to a warmer climate. So the next few years found the McIntyres in California. Later the family moved to Buffalo and Irene was in elementary school there for five years. But the memories of California must have been especially pleasant, for Commissioner McIntyre recalls that Irene and an older brother made a daring attempt to go back west.

"She was but a baby of two years when we took her to California," he says, "and she and this brother both seemed to have it tucked away in their minds to some day get back, so when he was about ten, and she about eight, he suggested the time was ripe for such a venture, and it appealed to her adventurous spirit. Two didn't seem a large enough crowd so they took a still younger brother, and their two collie dogs, while Mrs. McIntyre and I were absent from home for a few days.

"After they had been tucked away in bed by their grandmother, and thought to be all safe and sound, and she had gone to her room, they crept out, dressed, and slipped out a basement window so they wouldn't leave any unlocked doors behind them, and with their dogs and some blankets set out. But they didn't get far before they realized that blankets would not be the only thing they would need, at least I think the older brother thought of this. They would need money and food, neither of which they had provided themselves with. They walked back to a point from which they could see the windows of their home and discovered the house all lighted up, which meant their grandmother had discovered that they had gone. Their hearts smote them when they thought of the fright that would strike the grandmother, and after a conference under the friendly moon, they gathered up their blankets, called their little brother and their dogs to follow and headed homeward. This runaway was the only thing of its type that she ever attempted."

From Buffalo the family moved to Mt. Vernon, New York, and Irene was graduated from Mt. Vernon High School. Commissioner McIntyre is now stationed in Atlanta, where he directs Salvation Army work in fifteen southern States.

In the fall of 1909 Irene entered Mt. Holyoke College at South Hadley, Massachusetts, being graduated four years later.

In the summer of 1914 Commissioner McIntyre and his older daughter set out for Constance, Switzerland, where a great international peace conference was to be held. The two were in Strasbourg late in July when German mobilization began. (Continued on page 60)

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It was impossible for them to get into Switzerland, and for a time it looked as if they would be unable to get out of Germany. Mr. McIntyre's ingenuity overcame all difficulties, however, and they were able to get into Holland. They saw the opening of the first line of dykes, Holland's move to escape the fate of Belgium in enforcing her neutrality.

The last boat out of Holland for Harwich, England, carried the McIntyres. By this time the North Sea had been planted with mines, and the boat, overloaded, came into the harbor at Harwich to the sounds of distant naval warfare. A number of German sailors taken in the first encounter with the British were brought into Harwich as their boat docked. Father and daughter saw British mobilization under way in England and Scotland before they sailed for home in September. She had seen Europe in peace during July, had caught a glimpse of the Kaiser's yacht at Berholm on the Sognefjord in Norway and had seen Stockholm brilliant with decorations receiving the French President and navy on official visit. And then she had gained a glimpse of the feverish excitement of nations girding themselves for a great war. Beneath the surface attitude of certain victory that was rife in Strasbourg she had noted the anxiety of the people, and had been struck with the bewilderment that had fallen upon the nations.

She was to see Strasbourg under still more martial conditions, for when the French entered it as victors she went along. And in 1917, as a member of the Commander's Party, she saw it with the war nine years behind.

The baptism of fire which the two McIntyre girls had at Ansauville was followed by strenuous service at Raucourt, where they served with the 26th and 82d Divisions before the St. Mihiel drive. There they cooked out-of-doors in a position where they could be seen with the naked eye from the German observation posts on Mont Sec. So exposed was the position that the approach to it had to be made by night. It was while here that the two girls met the officers who later became their husbands, Gladys being married in 1919 to Lieutenant Russell Harmon of Company C, 104th Infantry, 26th Division.

After Raucourt, the two girls went to Vacqueville in the Luneville Sector with the 77th Division. One night while here they started to take a walk for exercise after they had closed their hut, and in the confusion of the relieving of troops, took the wrong road and walked into a dangerous position on the front. They passed in front of machine gun emplacements and came near walking into the German lines. Finally they were stopped by a sentry who shouted "Halt." The word being the same in English and German, they did not know for a moment whether they were being

stopped by an American or a German. They were taken to battalion headquarters because they were coming from the direction of the German lines.

At Vacqueville they joined the 37th Division, Ohio troops, and went with them to the Argonne, arriving there two days before the opening of the offensive, being among the first of the welfare workers in that sector.

They were at Recicourt with the 37th Division when it took off in the Argonne offensive. The night before the offensive Irene stood on a hill and watched the tremendous artillery preparation. She has a very vivid impression of this night and remembers particularly seeing two airplanes shot down in flames during the early combats overhead. At Recicourt Gladys was stricken with appendicitis and taken back to the hospital, leaving Irene alone. She had lost all of her equipment in the move to the Argonne, but was provided with a field kitchen and some G. I. cans with which she made black coffee for the troops. In the second week of the Argonne offensive she was with the First Division.

After service at Neuilly during the relief of the 28th Division Irene McIntyre went to Varennes, where she had a tent over a shell hole at a cross road that was heavily shelled by the enemy. Here she dispensed doughnuts and coffee to men of the 28th and 42d Divisions. Later, at Cheppy, she was with the First and 42d and worked in a triage with the wounded. She got a touch of gas here while maintaining headquarters in a captured German trench the mouth of which was under fire of the retreating enemy. At Thiaucourt, the night before the signing of the Armistice, the building in which she was working was struck by a shell during a bombardment, but she was not injured. After the Armistice she spent the winter in the devastated villages which quartered American troops. In addition to her citations Mrs. Walbridge was recommended through regular Army channels for the Distinguished Service Cross, an honor that would have required a special Act of Congress.

When Mrs. Walbridge was elected National President at the Paris convention, she brought to the leadership of the Auxiliary the same resourcefulness and vision that had carried her through her war experiences.

The need of more comprehensive publicity which would better present the aims and activities of the Auxiliary to the public had long been felt in the organization. The convention in Paris gave authority for the establishment of a publicity directorship. By the time her administration was two months old, Mrs. Walbridge had this publicity work established and supplying the organization with its services.

A program for the furtherance of the

Legion's work for the welfare of the children of dead and disabled veterans has been developed and regional chairmen of child welfare have been appointed, making the Auxiliary's set-up for this work conform with that of the Legion. Strong support has also been given to the Legion's legislative program; particular efforts have been exerted for the passage of the bill for the retirement of disabled emergency officers and the Universal Draft Act.

Mrs. Walbridge led the Auxiliary delegation to the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense, held in Washington, D. C., in February, at which strong support to national defense measures was pledged in behalf of the women of thirty-four patriotic organizations. She took a leading part in the conference, serving as vice chairman, and was elected chairman of the extension committee which will have charge of the conference next year.

The expressed aim of Mrs. Walbridge in her administration is full co-operation with the Legion in all its work, and, through increased membership, to make the Auxiliary a more effective aid in the Legion program.

Mrs. Walbridge has recently returned from a trip to Hawaii and expects to visit all the Departments during her term of office. She is the youngest President in the Auxiliary's history, but her record of service in war and peace justifies a belief that the Auxiliary is in for its greatest year in growth and service.

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approach that would tend to inspire confidence. It wasn't long before they knew something about the immigrants; how long they had been in this country, how many could not speak English, how many had applied for citizenship papers and how many wanted to learn our language, our customs and become American citizens. With this information at hand, a night school was started, teachers were employed and the melting pot began to simmer. First citizenship papers were procured for many, and as they became eligible for final papers their formal admittance to citizenship was sponsored by Legionnaires. The federal court officials gave endorsement and encouragement.

Then, there was work to do among the boys of these immigrants. The post felt that a good thing to do along that line was to get these boys into Boy Scout work, so they could assimilate the ideas, customs and spirit of the American boy. The post did not corral them in troops made up wholly of children of foreign-born parents, but instead found places in Boy Scout troops of native boys for their gradual absorption.

Today, whenever a newly arrived immigrant locates in that colony, Legionnaires visit him and tell him about our Government, our institutions and our history, about (Continued on page 62)

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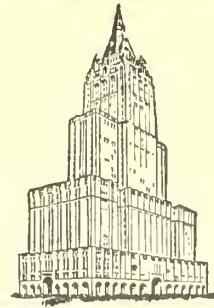
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ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Real Estate owned and First Mortgage Loans on Farms, Homes and Business Property . . .	\$503,308,744.93
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Policy Loans, Cash and Other Assets.....	269,330,791.52
Total Funds for Policy-holders' Protection . . .	\$1,401,076,821.52
	Reserves—ample with fu- ture premiums & Inter- est to pay all insurance & annuity obligations as they become due ..
	\$1,215,522,705.25
	Dividends payable to policy-holders in 1928
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	All other Liabilities.....
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This program is a success, because what was once a hotbed of discontent and misunderstanding is now the home of understanding, worthy ambition and loyal devotion to the Government of the United States. This is a fine example of Americanization effort which Legion posts are constantly doing and embraces fundamental elements of sound Americanism.

There is another town that comes to mind. There many children were denied the opportunity of going to high school because their families needed their earning-power. The Legion post recognized this condition and set about to remedy it by establishing a night high school. When the school officials were first approached with the idea they laughed at it with some scorn. They said there would be no attendance even though such a school were started. However, the Legionnaires went ahead and took a census of children of high school age who wanted to go to night school. There were between thirty and forty boys and girls who wanted this chance. The Legion insisted they be given it. The school board was finally prevailed upon to furnish classrooms and fuel. The Legion post paid for the teachers. The plan was a success from the start. It has been in operation three years and the enrollment is now over one hundred and the local school board is footing all the bills. This work can also be called good Americanism.

In another town, about three years ago, a Legionnaire got up at his post meeting and told the gang of an organization which had reached into the community and was planning to convert the boys of the community to the ideals of communism and the acceptance of peace-at-any-price pacifism. This movement was not coming into the community by means of any wild-eyed, long-haired, soap-box orators, but it was fostered by suave, well-groomed, well-educated personalities of a self-styled intelligentsia. As a matter of fact, some of the sponsors were people of considerable wealth; wealth, however, which had not been earned in the field of competitive business, but had been inherited and received through the toil and labor of others, the value of which could not be appreciated by its inheritors.

The Legionnaire informant at the meeting also told of the efforts being made to instill in the minds of the boys of the community the belief that if they joined the Boy Scouts of America and subscribed to its principles they would be pledging themselves to a capitalistic class which would use them as tools to

break strikes and beat down wages. This movement was also teaching the boys that the idealism of American history was a lot of hokum and that the American flag was the emblem of protection for the strong only and the emblem of oppression for the weak.

This Legionnaire felt that it was time for the Legion post to take some action to offset this flow of propaganda. There were two courses that might be pursued. One was to denounce the sponsors of the movement, break up their meetings, ride them out of town on a rail, and make martyrs out of them, a procedure greatly desired by such people. The other course was one of militant, aggressive, and constructive educational work; asking no quarter from the reds, pinks and yellows, and giving none.

The post adopted the latter course and went to work. First, it must find something to give the boys of the community that would let them understand the principles of this democracy, and their worth when weighed in the balance against the visionary doctrine of the radicals. Youth does not take to platitudinous preachments and the post felt it should have some practical way of stimulating their natural love for home and country and honor. The post began to furnish leadership for the various Scout groups already sponsoring troops. Boys love ceremonial activities and the post worked up picturization of historical events for them to participate in on patriotic holidays.

Boys like sports and there is no better way in which to impart the principles of good citizenship than by writing the principles of good sportsmanship into the hearts and character of youth in its formative period. This post organized a baseball league for boys under seventeen. They promoted about sixteen teams in the town, each team sponsored by some group such as civic clubs, fraternal organizations, churches, etc. In this way, upward of two hundred boys in that community got the spirit of obedience to rules, playing fair, being loyal and learning the value of teamwork. When these boys grow up, those qualities will be reflected in their obedience to law, loyalty to country, respect of political and religious beliefs of their fellow man, knowledge of the value of co-operation, gameness to meet competition and refusal to whine or surrender when the tide sets against them, and the recognition of no standard of human excellence save that of merit.

Realizing that boys of high school age expect to take their places in the active life of the world, this post set itself the task of giving them an idea of what they could expect to meet in the different industries, professions and businesses.

They take these boys by the arm and say: "Look here, buddy; this is what is ahead of you if you go into the line of work I have followed; you will meet

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satisfactory. The park yielded a profit above the upkeep and other current expenses and at the end of the season the Legionnaires asked the commissioners for a permanent contract. The post agrees to operate the park strictly for the public benefit, all the profits to be used for further improvements. Many added attractions are planned.

Rational Peace

THE eyes of the world are expected to turn toward Cleveland, Ohio, during the week of May 7th, when distinguished leaders of many nations assemble for the World Conference on International Justice to be held under the auspices of the American Peace Society. After a study of the history of the society and the purpose of the conference, resolutions expressing The American Legion's attitude of helpful encouragement toward the society and the conference have been adopted by the Cuyahoga County Council of The American Legion at Cleveland, the Executive Committee of the Department of Ohio and the National Executive Committee. These resolutions were based on the assumption that the society would continue to support the principles of an adequate American national defense.

The members of Legion committees which made studies of the American Peace Society and the proposed conference were convinced that the society differs from the many American so-called peace societies whose activities in recent years have been the promotion of extreme pacifism and unreasoning disarmament. The society proclaims as basic principles its belief that "in our ungoverned world of wholly independent units, it stands for national defense," and, furthermore, that "it believes the rational way to disarmament is to begin by disarming policies."

The Legion committee members were impressed by the society's record in the hundred years of its existence. The conference at Cleveland will mark the society's centennial anniversary and will be attended by a series of celebrations marking the event throughout Maine, the State in which lived William Ladd, the founder of the society. President

Coolidge is honorary chairman of the society's centennial celebration committee.

When War Came

THROUGHOUT its existence, the American Peace Society has worked for arbitration treaties and a law-governed world. Its efforts flowered in The Hague conferences. In 1871 it organized peace jubilees throughout the country. It sponsored peace congresses held in 1893, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1913 and 1915. The Pan-American Congress, out of which grew the Pan-American Union, was authorized after the society had presented petitions to Congress. In 1917 the society announced its full support of the Government in carrying on the war and its official publication declared: "The supreme duty of every man, woman and child in America today . . . is to bend every possible effort to win and end the war."

APRIL is an ideal month for making Legion photographs. Posts begin outdoor activities in April. The spring sunshine makes pictures sharp and clear. Every post that is doing outstanding work ought to have a photograph made to let the rest of the Legion know about it. It should be a picture full of life and action, taken in an attractive setting.

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Governor Flem D. Sampson signs the proclamation designating February as American Legion Membership Month in Kentucky while leaders of the Department are standing beside his desk in the statehouse at Frankfort

Keeping Step

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is a rational peace program. President Coolidge is expected to speak at the conference and among those expected to attend are Aristide Briand, French Minister of Foreign Affairs; Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Minister of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Gustav Stresemann, German Minister of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer; Alberto Pirelli of Italy, President of the International Chamber of Commerce, and Ignatz Seipel, Chancellor of Austria.

A special committee of the Cuyahoga County Council of The American Legion, headed by Harold H. Burton, former chairman of the council, is cooperating with the American Peace Society in making arrangements for the conference and preparing the program. Harold H. Burton is not related to Theodore E. Burton, the president of the Peace Society. The resolution expressing the attitude of the National Executive Committee was adopted after it had been presented and explained by Milo J. Warner, Ohio member of the committee.

route lists for Legionnaires motoring from any direction.

The convention committee is arranging for a series of three-day excursions, some of them into Old Mexico. The Chamber of Commerce of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 150 miles from San Antonio, has announced it will conduct a bullfight for visitors from the convention city and the best toreadors of Mexico will appear. In San Antonio a huge rodeo will be held.

"Fighting Joe" Thompson

THE entire American Legion joined the Department of Pennsylvania in mourning Joseph H. Thompson who died February 1st at his home in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, following a prolonged illness due to his wartime wounds. Commander of the Pennsylvania Department in 1921 and subsequently a candidate for National Commander, a former member of the National Executive Committee, a leading figure in FIDAC, the interallied organization of veterans' societies, "Fighting Joe" Thompson brought to the Legion a heroic record of war service. He was colonel of the 110th Infantry, 28th Division, was wounded five times and won many decorations for bravery, including the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Mr. Thompson was born in Ireland and came to the United States in his youth. He obtained his early education by attending night school, was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and won note as a lawyer. While attending the university he was captain of its championship football team two years. He was head coach of the team later for several years. He was also president of the Alumni Association of the university several years.

Entering the Pennsylvania National Guard as a buck private in 1913, Mr. Thompson won the rank of major on the Mexican Border. His overseas pro-

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motions followed exceptional bravery in action. At Apremont, on September 29, 1918, he placed himself at the head of one hundred men and conducted a counter-attack which stood off advancing Germans for eight hours until reserves arrived. On the following day he led an attack by tanks upon strongly entrenched machine gun nests. In forty-eight hours of constant fighting he received several wounds, but refused medical aid until his troops had been relieved.

Mrs. Vye Thompson, Past President of the Pennsylvania Department of The American Legion Auxiliary, survives her husband with their son, Joseph H. Thompson, Jr.

Out In Front

BOSTON looked. So did New York City. So did Raleigh, North Carolina. So did more than sixteen thousand other cities and towns early in February. They saw, resplendent upon poster panels above passing crowds or along traffic-teeming highways, The American Legion's huge, many-colored posters proclaiming the Legion's character and works. Citizens of Boston and many other State capitals saw the poster panels mounted on steps of statehouses. New York City crowds saw it against the background of the entrance to City Hall. In Raleigh, North Carolina, Department Commander Albert L. Cox put on overalls and with Dr. H. O. Lineberger, Commander of Raleigh Post, and other Legionnaires helped paste the posters to a panel overlooking an important corner.

Governor Flem D. Sampson helped along the poster panel campaign in Kentucky by issuing a formal proclamation designating February as American Legion Membership Month. He signed the proclamation in the presence of Emmet O'Neal, Department Membership Chairman; Frank H. Lusse, Commander of Frankfort Post; Frank D. Rash, Na-

tional Executive Committeeman; T. H. Hayden, Jr., Department Adjutant; and Walter B. Smith, Secretary to the Governor.

Virginia's Loss

DEATH halted a conference of all Post Commanders and Adjutants of the Virginia Department at Charlottesville on February 11th when Dr. Israel Brown, Department Commander, was stricken by heart disease while at breakfast at his hotel on the morning the conference was to have opened. Dr. Brown was an eminent physician of Norfolk, Virginia. He had driven to Charlottesville in an automobile with other members of the Norfolk Post and had seemed in the best of health and spirits.

Dr. Brown was the son of a South Carolina Confederate veteran of the Civil War and was fifty-five years old. As major and lieutenant colonel, he commanded the field hospitals of the Twenty-ninth Division in its A. E. F. battles. He was a pioneer Legionnaire in Virginia and was known for his help to disabled service men. For more than a quarter of a century he served on the staff of St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk. He was a Past President of the Norfolk Medical Society. He served two terms in the Virginia Legislature and was prominent in the civic affairs of his city.

F. Clinton Knight of Alexandria, Department Vice Commander, succeeded Dr. Brown as Commander. Upon his call, posts throughout the State sent delegations to the funeral at which impressive Legion tributes were paid to Dr. Brown's memory.

Camouflage Pacifism

An appeal to all the women of the United States to examine carefully the nature of all so-called peace propaganda move- (Continued on page 78)



Department Commander Albert L. Cox of North Carolina, in overalls, puts the last stroke on a Legion poster in Raleigh, one of the 16,000 towns and cities in which the posters were displayed in February

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ments was expressed by the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense held in Washington in February under the auspices of The American Legion Auxiliary, the Daughters of the American Revolution and thirty other women's organizations. In discussions which attended the adoption of a resolution embodying the appeal, it was emphasized that many proposals for peace by disarmament are based on grotesque assumptions and ignore utterly present world conditions. It was emphasized also that Americans are being misled by uninformed emotionalists who are declaring that America is so strong and so independent of world affairs that it can afford to set an example by deliberately weakening its Army and Navy to the point of defenselessness. The need of continuous effort against the false prophets of premature disarmament was described by many notable speakers, including cabinet members, General Pershing and members of the Senate and House.

One third of the delegates attending the conference were members of The American Legion Auxiliary, and Mrs. Irene McIntyre Walbridge, National President of the Auxiliary, was vice chairman of the conference, presiding alternately with the chairman, Mrs. Alfred J. Brosseau, President of the D.A.R.

The conference endorsed the naval building program pending in Congress at the time it met. It also adopted resolutions urging the carrying out of the National Defense Act, the maintenance of an adequate American merchant marine, the combating of radical activities, the further limitation of immigration, strengthening of the National Guard, the R. O. T. C. and the C. M. T. C., the passage of the Tyson-Fitzgerald measure for the retirement of disabled emergency officers and the adoption of the Legion-sponsored Universal Draft Bill.

Among Those Present

AMERICAN Legion posts in San Francisco and New York and way points claim as members most of the former A. E. F. generals named in Ared White's article, "Unknown Birthdays," in this issue. Hunter Liggett is a member of California Post of San Francisco. Robert Lee Bullard belongs to Tiger Post of New York City, and Charles P. Summerall is a member of First Division Lieutenant Jeff Feigl Post, also of New York City. Henry T. Allen is enrolled with George Washington Post of Washington, D. C., and in neighboring Baltimore, German H. H. Emory Post has Legionnaire Adelbert Cronkhite. John L. Hines belongs to Greenbrier Post of Ronceverte, West Virginia, and W. M. Wright is on the roster of Union Post of New York City. Charles T. Menoher is a Legionnaire of Augustus P. Gardner Post of Washington, D. C. The late Joseph T. Dickman was a Legionnaire



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while commanding the Eighth Corps Area with headquarters at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and William G. Haan, who died in 1924, was a member of Alonzo Cudworth Post of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ared White, author of the article, a pioneer Legionnaire, was a leader in the Paris Caucus.

Harvey Dunn, who designed the cover for this issue, belongs to DeWitt Coleman Post of Tenafly, New Jersey. . . . Karl W. Detzer is a member of Bowen-

Holliday Post of Traverse City, Michigan, and V. E. Pyles, who made the illustrations for Mr. Detzer's story, is a member of 107th Infantry Post of New York City. . . . Marquis James and Steuart M. Emery are members of S. Rankin Drew Post of New York City. . . . Stetson Clark belongs to Advertising Men's Post of New York City. . . . Alexander Gardiner is a member of Rau-Locke Post of Hartford, Connecticut.

RIGHT GUIDE

A Personal View

(Continued from page 35)

Bulletin of Los Angeles! The *Pacific Legion* remains a master hand in drawing the advertisers. The "Who Won the War?" by an M. P. in the *Ohio Counsellor* is good stuff. He is both a humorous and human M. P. Every paper has its problems, its battle. Every editor is making spare time from his other work for Legion work, boning contributors for copy, admonishing the recalcitrant for dues, campaigning for new members—town criers of the Legion. The Weston (West Virginia) *Legionnaire* says that to "look hard when we are mad" has brought in the recalcitrant and *Yankee Doings* has found "peaceful penetration" successful. Editors and adjutants are the Legion squads of eternal vigilance. Commanders change; many editors, once they have the job wished on them, seem tied to it. Again, I wonder which editor has the longest service.

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Unknown Birthdays

The general officers whose pictures appear on pages 30 and 31 are:

Page 30, top row, left to right: Hunter Liggett, Charles T. Menoher, Henry T. Allen.

Page 30, bottom, left to right: C. P. Summerall, William G. Haan.

Page 31, top row, left to right: Robert Lee Bullard, Joseph T. Dickman, John L. Hines, William M. Wright.

Page 31, bottom, left to right: Adelbert Cronkhite, Charles H. Muir.

For details of the Legion affiliations of these officers see the *Keeping Step* department, page 78.



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THE INSULT

"And," continued the witness on the stand, "he sat there as sober as a judge—"

"Here!" interrupted the court angrily. "I'll have you understand I'm not sober."

ACCEPT No SUBSTITUTES

"Is the hemlock ready, Plato?" inquired Socrates.

"The warden says there is none in stock, master," replied Plato. "But the State has just received a shipment of stuff from America which they believe to be better and more efficacious."

ONE FINAL REQUEST

"Have you any last message?" asked the warden, just before the trap was to be sprung.

"I'll say so," was the victim's answer. "Tell the prosecuting attorney to go to hell."

SPEED

"So you think you'll make this boy heavyweight champ, eh?" asked a reporter. "Is he fast?"

"Fast?" snorted the manager and

press agent. "Say, that boy's so fast he does his sparring practice with an airplane propeller."

TO BE CONTINUED

Her: "I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I became engaged to Tom last night."

It: "Well, how about next week, then?"

ENDORSEMENT

"They laughed when I sat down at the piano."

"But why? Didn't they know how well you play?"

"Oh, yes, but there was a tack on the piano stool."

THE PHYSICAL WRECK

"My dear," she gushed. "I nearly died when I was in the country last summer!"

"Were you ill?" he asked sympathetically.

"Was I ill! It was awful! I gained five pounds!"

WISDOM WAITS

"Mother, I want to get married."

"No, my dear, you are not wise enough."

"When shall I be wise enough?"

"When you get over the idea that you want to get married."

SUCH A JOKER!

Ethel was sitting on the beach giggling when Bess came along and asked the reason.

"Oh, but isn't George the cut-up?" replied Ethel, between gasps of laughter.

"Yes, but where is he now?" Bess wanted to know.

"Well, he made a comic dive a while ago, and for the longest time he's been down under the water blowing bubbles for me."

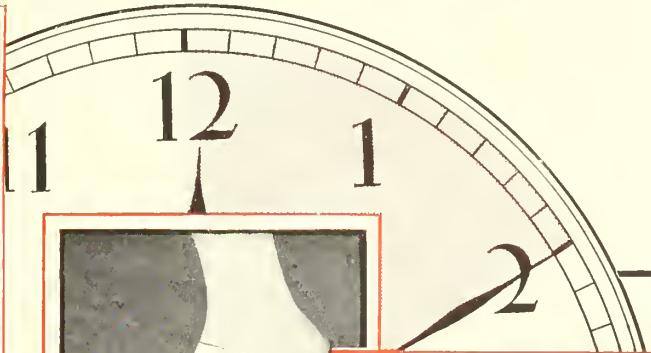
THE BASER ORE

"Remember, dearie," counseled a gold-digger to her friend, who was feeling slightly despondent, "every cloud has a silver lining."

"Yeah?" yawned the other girl who knew a nest egg when it was laid. "That doesn't interest me at all."

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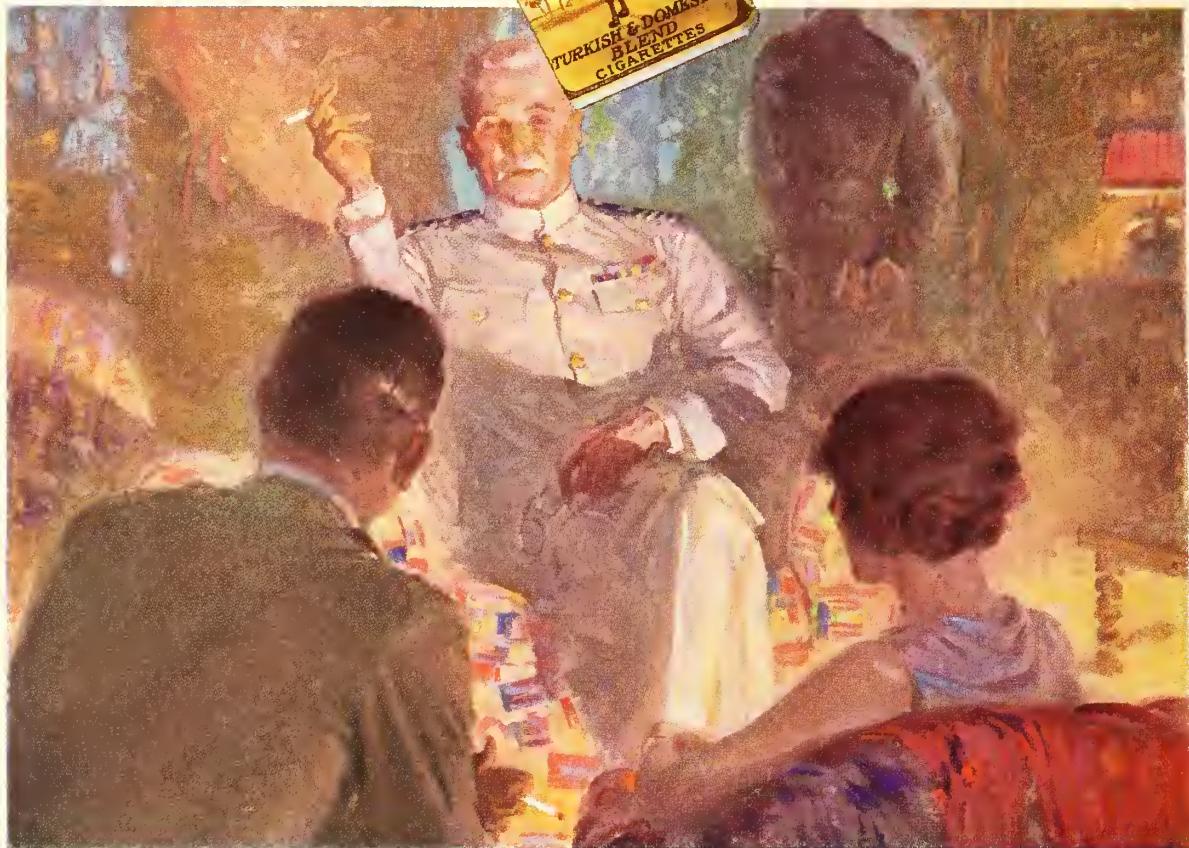
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